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# "Anglo-U. S. Rulers Not Interested In Peace"

## RUSSIAN REJOINDER TO AMERICAN REPLY

### Why Bypass U. N. And Neglect Normal Diplomatic Methods, Asks Hector McNeil

**LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): The British Government is in full agreement with the views expressed by Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, in his comment yesterday on the two statements by Premier Joseph Stalin to an American news agency, a foreign office spokesman said today.**

### Berlin Blockade Must Be Lifted

No official comment by the British Government on Premier Stalin's remarks was contemplated, he added.

Asked whether Britain agreed with the statement by Mr. Acheson that the Western Powers would consent to a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers if the Berlin blockade were lifted, the spokesman said this had been repeatedly stated by Britain.

The British Government could of course not agree to hold up the reconstruction of Western Germany in anticipation of a meeting of the Foreign Ministers Council.

**WHY BYPASS U.N.?**

SHEFFIELD, (England), Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Hector McNeil, British Minister of State, referring here today to Marshal Stalin's offer to talk peace, said that if Russia was in earnest it was "difficult to understand why she bypassed the United Nations which had Berlin on its agenda".

Mr. McNeil, Mr. Bevin's assistant at the Foreign Office, was the first British Minister to comment on the Russian declaration.

He asked why Marshal Stalin had "neglected normal diplomatic methods" and had told the newspapers that he wanted to meet Mr. Truman before telling the President himself.

The loud speaker was not an instrument of diplomacy, he said "both Hitler and Stalin employed it extensively but neither with marked success".

**NEW YORK PRESS REACTION**

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (Reuter): New York's morning newspapers today generally applauded Secretary of State Dean Acheson's rejection of Soviet proposals for talks between President Truman and Marshal Stalin.

The New York "Times" said: "It goes without saying that no American President can afford to make another pilgrimage to the Soviet orbit without appearing as a penitent supplicant and thereby imperiling at the outset any benefits he may seek".

The "Herald Tribune" commented: "Perhaps Acheson could have gone further in assuring the Russians that any genuine desire for agreed settlement will be received in the West with whole souled enthusiasm.

"But until such a desire appears, there is little that can be done".

**"MORE REMOTE THAN EVER"**

MOSCOW, Feb. 3 (UPA): Anglo-American observers said today that Secretary of State Dean Acheson's comment on Premier Joseph Stalin's invitation to President Truman to come to Eastern Europe for peace talk had disposed of the matter. A meeting between Truman and Stalin is regarded as more remote than ever.

Observers believed the statements cleared the way for the Soviet Press to say that the Anglo-American ruling quarters are not interested in peace and don't even want to talk about it. Stalin's profession of readiness to talk with Truman in Eastern Europe was displayed prominently by all Moscow newspapers and was broadcast on all Soviet networks.

### ACHESON REJECTS STALIN'S OFFER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Dean Acheson, United States Secretary of State, today rejected Premier Stalin's offer to discuss a peace pact with President Truman a few hours after the Soviet leader had amplified his offer by suggesting the Soviet Union, Poland or Czechoslovakia as a meeting place.

Mr. Acheson told his weekly press conference here the United States would not hold two-nation talks on any matter of direct interest to other nations.

The three Western Powers were willing to discuss the German and any other question as soon as the Soviet blockade of Berlin was lifted, he said.

### Further Cut In U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (PTI—Reuter)—The United States Navy will be forced to lay up 70 more ships, including 15 first-line vessels, and cut its strength by 30,000 men to meet President Truman's 1950 Budget, Mr. John Sullivan, Navy Secretary, disclosed today.

Three Essex class carriers, nine light cruisers and three anti-aircraft cruisers will be laid up, he said in a letter to the Armed Services Committee.

## KARENS RETREAT FROM INSEIN

### Town Jail Forced Open & Several Prisoners Shot Down

RANGOON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Burma Government troops today drove Karen insurgents out of a large part of Insein, a town 11 miles north of Rangoon, and the Karens tonight were still retreating.

An official 'communique' announced this after an all-out Government attack to recapture the city today in which Burma air force planes dropped incendiary bombs over insurgent positions.

Official sources said that 2,000 members of the "White Band" People's Volunteer Organisation from the interior were fighting with the Government.

Karen insurgents who occupied part of Insein last night, were reported to have forced open the town gaol—claimed to be the second biggest in the world—and shot down several prisoners. This was not officially confirmed.

Other reports said that Karens set fire last night to three rice mills in the town destroying 10,000 tons of rice. Fires were still burning tonight.

Tonight's government 'communique' said that Karens had occupied the railway town of Fenwegon, Central Burma, 120 miles north of Rangoon. It did not mention fighting at Toungoo and Pyu on the railway north from Rangoon to Mandalay but said Karens still held these two towns.

"White band" members of the people's volunteer organisation from the Irrawaddy Delta have gone to Bassein Rice Port, 70 miles west of Rangoon to help fight the Karens, the 'communique' added.

## CHURCHILL CHAMPIONS DUTCH!

LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Winston Churchill, Britain's Wartime Leader, told 800 leaders of Dutch and British Public life here today that the Dutch Government was "striving resolutely to rescue true progress in Indonesia from the twin monstrosities of anarchy and Communism".

Mr. Churchill was speaking in London's Guildhall after being presented with the gold Grotius Medal—Holland's Peace Medal "in recognition of his services to the cause of peace".

Mr. Churchill declared that Western Union was "a conscious and resolute step towards the establishment of a United Europe".

Through Western Union, he said, a United Europe would rise again "to resume its glories and to offer the joys of lasting peace to its tormented people.

## PERSIAN STUDENTS' DEMONSTRATION

TEHERAN, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter):—About 1,000 University students demonstrated in the Majlis (Parliament) Square in Teheran today, demanding cancellation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's concession and ending of the activities of the British Imperial Bank of Iran.

**FIGHTING IN KOREA**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): The United States State Department said today reports of fighting on the frontier between Northern and Southern Korea were exaggerated. Press reports said a force of more than 600 had entered American-occupied Southern Korea from northern Korea (formally Russian-occupied) threatening civil war.

**CZECH TERRORIST PLOT**

PRAGUE, Feb. 3 (UPA): An official communique today announced the arrest of General Karel Kuttewasher and 14 others on charges of conspiring in a terrorist plot and of espionage "for a spy center of a Western state."

**WILLARD THORP'S NEW JOB**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Willard Thorp, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, was appointed today to plan the groundwork for President Truman's programme of technical aid to the world's under-developed areas.

## "SERVICES WEEK" IN U. P.

The Services Week was organised by U.P. Area, which included sports by Service personnel, and their families. Her Excellency Sarojini Naidu, Governor of U.P. presided over the function and gave away the prizes. Winner of the Ladies' obstacle race, Miss Goswami receives her award from Her Excellency

## DELHI JUSTIFIES DENIAL OF FACILITIES TO DUTCH PLANES

### "So-Called Police Action In Indonesia Is An Act Of War:" Reaction To Bevin's Statement

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (A.P.I.): The Government of India in a statement tonight explained that their action in denying the right of transit across or landing in India to Dutch planes had been taken under Article 89 of the International Civil Aviation Agreement and that it was neither in contravention of the Chicago Agreement nor a unilateral application of sanctions to the Netherlands.

Quoting the Article, the statement said that "the so-called police action of the Dutch Government in Indonesia constitutes an act of war against the Government of Indonesian Republic, which the Government of India have recognised 'de facto' and fully justify the denial of facilities to Dutch planes to land in or fly across India."

Article 89 provides: "In case of war, the provisions of this Convention shall not affect the freedom of action of any of the contracting states affected, whether as belligerents or as neutrals."

Referring to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin's answer to a question in the House of Commons, where he was reported to have said 'British Government cannot, under Chicago Agreement, ban the Dutch from using the Mauritius route unless it also banned itself and the French', the statement said:

**"That His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are free to place their own interpretation on the Chicago Agreement and determine their own policy as regards the use of their territory by Dutch planes."**

## LOZANO ON KASHMIR COMMISSION'S TASK

CAIRO, Feb. 3 (P. T. I.—Reuter): Dr. Alfredo Lozano, Colombian member of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan, before leaving here by air for Karachi today said that the Commission's principal task now was to arrange for the appointment of a United Nations Administrator to supervise the plebiscite in Kashmir State.

"We would like to express our appreciation of the spirit, co-operation and collaboration shown by the Governments of India and Pakistan and we are looking forward to the resumption of the task. (Solution of the Kashmir problem) we began in June 1948", he said.

Dr. Lozano added that twenty United Nations military observers had been placed under the direction of the Commission for duties in Kashmir State.

## John Belcher Resigns From Parliament

LONDON, Feb. 3, (U. P. A.): John W. Belcher, Labourite, resigned from the Parliament today because a Government tribunal held that he had been influenced in his duties as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade by gifts and hospitality of lobbyists.

Forty-three-year-old Belcher announced his resignation to a hushed, jammed House of Commons.

Attorney General Sir Hartley Shawcross told the House that some civil servants were guilty of grift. But he said the Government had decided against taking criminal action against any public servants.

## 1000 Agra Workers On Hunger-Strike

KANPUR, Feb. 3, (U.P.I.): A telegram received at the I.N.T.U.C. Provincial office from Agra, states that one thousand workers are on hunger-strike as a mark of protest against low payment in oil, flour, textile, tin and other mills at Agra.

It is stated that the hunger-strikers demand immediate transfer of the Regional Conciliation Officer of the Labour Department.

## Menon's Reaction To Bose's Criticisms

LONDON, Feb. 3 (U.P.A.): Indian High Commissioner V. K. Krishna Menon called a conference of Indian students from various United Kingdom universities today to discuss criticisms levelled at India House by the Indian parliamentary opposition leader, Sarat Chandra Bose.

Menon personally is paying the fares of students from distant universities.

## Minimum Need Of Indian Sufferers In Durban

DURBAN, February 3 (PTI-Reuter). At least 236,000 pounds sterling is needed for Indian sufferers, excluding shopkeepers, in the recent Durban riots, two Indian organisations said here today.

The Natal Indian Congress and the Natal Indian Organisation sent a joint letter, giving these details of minimum needs to the Chairman of the Natal Distress Relief Fund and the Mayor of Durban.

They expected that the full total of loss and damage in the riots would exceed a million pounds sterling.

## CHINESE PEACE MISSION FAILS

### "Peoples Delegation" Refused Permission To Land In Peiping

NANKING, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter):—Long columns of Communist troops, headed by hundred tanks, paraded in triumph today through surrendered Peiping where a special plane bringing a Nanking "Peoples Peace Delegation" was refused permission to land.

Government peace hopes suffered a setback with the arrival at Shanghai of the delegation which had left Nanking on Monday with a ten-point plan for nation-wide settlement.

But Dr. Shao Li-Tse, the delegation's unofficial leader, announced that he had agreed in principle to fulfil acting President Li Tsung-Jen's instructions to fly to Peiping with another, non-partisan mission from Shanghai.

Its task would be to hasten a reply by Mao Tse-Tung, Communist leader, to Government peace appeals. No date has been fixed for Dr. Shao's departure.

Other Government efforts to quicken peace negotiations were believed under way secretely in Government territory.

The Communists under one-eyed General Liu Pocheng entered Sinyang, in southern Honan about 112 miles north of the big river port of Hankow, Nanking military sources reported.

## COMPROMISE PLAN FOR PALESTINE

### Bunche Invites 6 More Arab States For Armistice Talks

RHODES, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Raph Bunche, United Nations Acting Palestine Mediator, confirmed today that he had invited six more Arab States to join Egypt here in Armistice negotiations with Israel.

The States are: Syria, Transjordan, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the Lebanon and the Yemen, all members, with Egypt of the Arab League.

The Israelis have agreed to negotiate with all six countries. So far there was no indication that any Arab State had accepted the invitation.

But in Damascus it was understood that King Abdullah of Transjordan proposed immediate acceptance when he met Iraqi Regent Abdul Illah last night. He suggested that Transjordan should act as proxy for Iraq, in view of strong public opposition in that country, usually reliable sources said.

Dr. Bunche was today studying the latest Egyptian Government reactions to his compromise plan on armistice lines for the Negev desert.

Heads of international Red Cross organisations today appealed to all members of the United Nations to pay promised funds needed for relief of more than 700,000 Palestine refugees, a Geneva despatch said.

"The situation of the refugees is still critical. Distress is acute and the needs are immense," the appeal declared.

## MILLOWNERS' THREAT TO GOVERNMENT

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, February 3.

An extraordinary general meeting of Ahmedabad Millowners Association, held today, resolved that in view of excessive accumulation of cloth stocks in many mills and consequent financial and other embarrassment and risks, the Managing Committee be directed to impress upon the Government the imperative necessity of devising effective machinery immediately for lifting cloth stocks and easen the situation failing which, this meeting of the General Board of Millowners Association decides that a number of Mills which have more than three months stocks, including loose cloth, shall put up month's notice for closure and shall close down thereafter.

## Ten Killed In 'Plane Crashes In Canada

TORONTO, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): Ten people died as the result of two aircraft crashes in Canada yesterday.

Six were killed and four injured when an Anson transport crashed at Baie De La Trinite, Quebec, and two died later in hospital.

**EGYPT'S NOTE OF PROTEST**

CAIRO, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): The Egyptian Foreign Office published today a note of protest addressed to the countries which have recognised Israel.

Recognition will encourage Zionists to "pursue their aggression and their incursions on Arab rights", the note stated.

**JOINT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN MEETING**

RHODES, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): The first joint Israeli-Egyptian informal meeting to discuss compromise proposals for a delineation of armistice lines in Palestine is set for tomorrow, usually informed sources said tonight.

# Revolutionary Prison Reforms For Bombay

## PSYCHOLOGICAL & HUMANE TREATMENT TO MAKE GOOD CITIZENS OF CONVICTS

*Exclusive To "Chronicle" By THOMAS J. COUTINHO*

**Reforms of a revolutionary nature which will make jail life as free as possible,—annua furloughs, leave on parole, greater number of interviews, highly modern canteens, "smokes", abolition of all types of discrimination, fetters and flogging, and, payment of wages are some of the highlights of prison reforms introduced by the Government of Bombay.**

**Bombay's Home-Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, has not only followed the recommendations of the Jail Reforms Committee, but has also put into them his own ideas, which excell in some respects, the amenities provided in jail of the most Civilised Countries of the world.**

A scheme to treat well-behaved prisoners as free men, while still serving their sentences, will be shortly introduced by the Government of Bombay.

This, it is described, will be one of the most revolutionary prison reforms ever introduced in any part of this country.

According to what Government contemplates doing, batches of ten prisoners each will be selected by the jail authorities from among those prisoners whose conduct is good and exemplary and these convicts will be taken out of jails to be employed on public works, such as road-building and construction of tanks etc.

While so engaged, the prisoners will be given a chance to live a free life. They will get their wages and will enjoy the freedom of having their wives and families along with them. They will be permitted to live in colonies and camps run by themselves and will be responsible for the security of such camps or colonies without a single policeman or sentry.

In every batch, each prisoner, will thus be the other's warder, from the moral point of view, and it will be the joint and several responsibility of the whole batch to look after one another and ensure that there are no attempts to escape.

This vital reform, it is said, is so far-reaching that even in the United States of America which is supposed to be the most advanced country in the matter of jail reforms and the provision of civilised amenities to prisoners, such a revolutionary measure as the one envisaged by the Bombay Government, it is said, does not exist.

**BOMBAY TO BE PIONEER**

Bombay, in this respect, will, it is stated, not only be a pioneer in India but will also surpass the standard of reforms in several other countries of the world.

**FURLOUGHS FOR PRISONERS**

Another outstanding reform, which has been already introduced by the Bombay Government to bring some cheer to the dull and drab gaol life of convicts serving long term sentences, is the system of granting them furloughs, like school and college vacations after a period of four years. Under this system convicts sentenced for criminal offences are able to enjoy their furlougs which will again be determined by virtue of their conduct. The prisoners after the expiry of furloughs will have to return to jail to serve the rest of the sentence. They are allowed to go home to join their families or if they have no family, to holiday, during the period of the furlough, to any place of their choice in the province, the expenses for which are borne by the Government. Not a single prisoner has so far failed to return after his furlough.

Dacoits and other dangerous crimi-

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## CITY COLLECTIONS FOR GANDHI FUND

**BOMBAY, Feb. 3 (UPI)—The collections for the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund, Bombay City amounted to Rs. 3,003,501-2-0 till this evening.**

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### RECRUITMENT IN R.I.A.F.

IT IS NOTIFIED for information of all concerned that the proposed visit of F.Lt. K.B. Commissariat, No. 6, Air Force Recruiting Officer, Bombay to Ahmedabad, Kolhapur and Poona during Feb. '49 and Ahmednagar, Rajkot, Surat and Poona during March 1949 has been CANCELLED.

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### DEVKARAN NANJEE BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED
### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWELFTH ORDINARY GENERAL Meeting of Devkaran Nanjee Banking Company, Limited, will be held on FRIDAY, the 4th March, 1949, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Registered Office of the Bank, Devkaran Nanjee Buildings (Board Room, Ground Floor), 17, Elphinstone Circle, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

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2. To Declare a Dividend;
3. To Elect Directors in place of those that retire but being eligible offer themselves for re-election;
4. To Appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration;

and

5. To Transact such other business as may be placed before the Meeting by the Chairman.

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Bombay 28th January, 1949.

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Class II sleeping accommodation can be reserved at the Enquiry & Berth Reservation Office at Church Gate ten days in advance and a surcharge of Rs. 10 will be levied per night or part of a night in addition to the fare.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that certificate for 5 shares No. 199387/391 of the Ahmedabad Electricity Company Limited, standing in the name of Mr. Kakalbhai Bhuderdas Vakil has been lost or misplaced.

The public are hereby warned against purchasing or dealing with the above certificate in any way but are requested to give information about the same to the undersigned immediately.

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# LASKI ON INDIAN FREEDOM

## Praises Lajpat Rai; Has Faith In Nehru's Leadership

(From Our Own Correspondent)
LONDON, Feb. 2.

The name of the late Lala Lajpat Rai is not much mentioned today. The public has short memory. Heroes of yesterday are easily forgotten. But the work he did for the liberation of the country will be recorded in Golden Letters.

It was the late Lala Lajpat Rai, who first aroused the interest of Americans in India's struggle for freedom. He founded the Home Rule League and spent no less than six years educating American public on the Indian problems.

Not many persons are aware that it was Lala Lajpat Rai who interested Harold Laski in the cause of Indian freedom. Laski was then a professor in Harvard University. He came in contact with Lala Lajpat Rai and was deeply impressed by his charming personality. The two became great friends and since then Laski championed the cause of Indian freedom with great enthusiasm.

This fact was revealed by Laski himself when he addressed a meeting of Indians and their European friends who had collected in Holborn Hall to celebrate an event which occurred nineteen years ago, the place where the event occurred was Lahore. The day was Jan. 26. On that day India resolved to be sovereign independent country.

I remember how as the clock struck 12 Nehru surrounded by girls and boys danced and sang. India has now become independent. The oath then taken has been honoured. But the significance of that event has not been lost. It will have significance not only for India but for all other countries who are still struggling for freedom.

As long as there are empires, as long as one country holds another country in its yoke, as long as one man holds another in chains, as was pointed out by Julius Silverman, member of the British Parliament, the day will have its significance and inspiration. The one lesson that Indian struggle had taught people as Laski said, was that nations did not receive freedom; they took it.

**NEW INDIA**

Undoubtedly the present Indian administrators have made mistakes. Yet the fears of the enemies of Indian freedom have been falsified. Winston Churchill has been proved wrong. Independence had not made India helpless but strong.

Mrs. Handoo, appealed to her countrymen, to realize that India could never be made a great country unless every man and woman, cooperated in the great adventure of bringing peace and plenty to the common man. India had to-day an Indian Government.

**ASIAN CONFERENCE**

Laski described assumption by India of the leadership of Asia as an achievement only second in quality to the action of Gandhi. And now Pandit Nehru, with his tremendous intellect, was continuing the task which Gandhi began.

**FOREIGN FRIENDS**

Freedom of India was achieved in India by the people of India. But Mr. Silverman rightly observed, that Indian leaders in London and their British friends, who founded the India League, played no mean part in that struggle. It was the League that persuaded the Labour Party to see the futility, folly and fatuity of holding India in bondage. The work done in this connection by Mr. Menon, present High Commissioner, was highly praised both by Laski and Silverman.

**TASK AHEAD**

Freedom is achieved. Foreign rule is ended. But the task is not yet over. The struggle will not be over unless and until the common man, the man in street, enjoys in his every-day life the fruits of freedom.

**RAM GOPAL**

Ram Gopal, famous Indian ballet dancer, is in London again. He continues to play the role of ambassador of Indian culture. He has done more to enhance India in the estimation of the foreigners than any work done by official propagandists.

# RAJAJI'S MADRAS PROGRAMME

MADRAS, Feb. 3 (A.P.I.): The Governor-General of India Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar will arrive in Madras by special plane on the evening of February 8, it is officially announced.

The Governor-General as at present arranged will leave the next day by plane for Kayathar air port in Tinnevelly from where he will proceed by road to Tuticorin. Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar will inaugurate the passenger steamer service between Tuticorin and Ceylon named after the late Mr. V. O. Chidambaram Pillai.

The Governor-General will be back in Madras on February 10 and will leave the next day for Delhi.

## Rooting Out Communalism In Schools

(From Our Correspondent)
JODHPUR, Feb. 2.

The Jodhpur Government has ordered free education to Harijan students and directed that no fee should be taken from Harijan students, in schools and colleges.

By another order the Government has ordered to all schools-State-aided and recognised—that there should be no disrimination due to caste and creed in the matter of admission of students in schools.

## Goods Train Bumps Into Another; 6 Injured

HUBLI, Feb. 3. (API.): Six persons, including a Railway guard, were injured last night when a goods train being shunted ran off its track and bumped into the rear of another goods train that was remaining stationary at Devarai station about eight miles from Londa on the Hubli-Belgaum section of the M and S M Railway.

All trains passing on this section last night were considerably delayed owing to the line-block and through running was resumed only at 11 a.m. today.

# ORDINANCE AMENDS RENTS AND HOTEL RATES CONTROL ACT

## Legislation Applicable To Pending Suits: Doubts Cleared

The Governor of Bombay has promulgated an Ordinance amending the Bombay Rents, Hotel and Lodging House Rates Control Act, 1947, so as to make it clear that the Act applies not only to the suits or proceedings transferred to the Courts competent to try them but to those also which are pending in such Courts. The Ordinance, which was promulgated in exercise of the powers conferred on the Governor by sub-section (1) of Section 88 of the Government of India Act, has been published in "The Bombay Government Gazette" of February 3, 1949. The Ordinance comes into effect immediately.

Section 28 of the Act provided that suits or proceedings under the Act shall lie in Greater Bombay in the Court of Small Causes and elsewhere in the Court of the Civil Judge, Junior Division. Section 50 of the Act, which repealed the Bombay Rent Restriction Act, 1939, and the Bombay Rents, Hotel Rates and Lodging House Rates (Control) Act, 1944, provided that all suits and proceedings (other than execution proceedings and appeals) for the recovery, or fixing, of rent or charges or for the recovery of possession of premises or accommodation, which may be pending in any Court, shall be transferred to the Courts competent to try them under Section 28.

**TRANSFERRED & PENDING SUITS**

In one case it was held that Section 50 applied to suits or proceedings which were transferred to the Courts mentioned in Section 28 and not to those which were actually pending in such Courts. In another case, it was held that the Act had retrospective effect and applied to all proceedings, including pending appeals. Therefore, there arose the necessity of clarifying the position. As a number of suits and proceedings are pending in different Courts and as the legislature is not in session it became necessary for the Governor to promulgate this Ordinance. The object of this Ordinance is to make it clear that the Act applies not only to suits or proceedings transferred to the Courts competent to try them, but to those also which are pending in such Courts.

Opportunity has also been taken to remove any doubt regarding the applicability of the Act to summary proceedings for the recovery of the possession of hired premises under chapter VII of the Presidency Small Cause Courts Act, 1882.

## Overseas Junior And Cambridge Certificate Exams

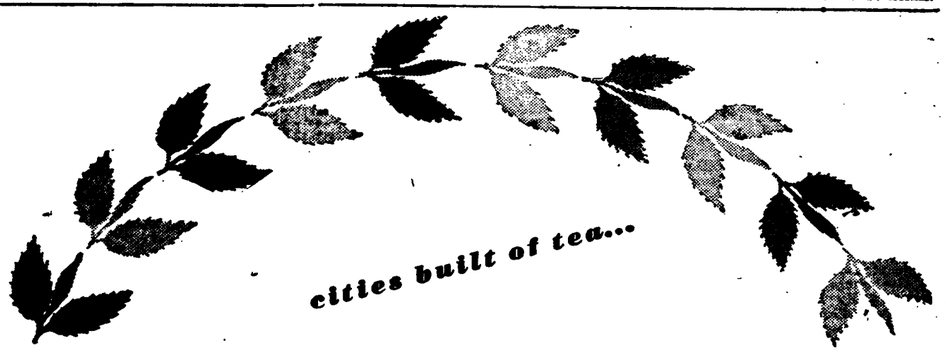
NEW DELHI, Feb. 2 (API).—The Superintendent of Education, Delhi, has announced that the Oversea Junior Certificate Examination will be held on the present basis for the last time in India in December, 1950. In and after 1951 it will be held on special application from the recognised European schools when the local Secretary, Cambridge Examinations of that area and the local Examinations Syndicate, Cambridge (England) are atisfied that there are reasons for its retention.

**CAMBRIDGE CERTIFICATE**

In and after 1951, the Cambridge School Certificate Examination in India will be open only to candidates from schools recognised by their respective Provincial Education authorities for the purpose of taking the examinations and at the discretion of the respective local Secretary for Cambridge examinations to the candidates who have left a school recognised for the purpose of taking the examinations not more than a year before the date of the examination for which they enter.

## Asian Assurance Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the Asian Assurance Company, Limited, Bombay, and its workers has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. M. C. Shah.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## To-day

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Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akhar 5, 1368.
Parsi: Shehrever 5, 1318.
Sunrise: 7-12 a.m. Sunset: 6-34 p.m.
Hightide: 03-09, 15-45
Lowtide: 09-38, 21-11

CORPORATION METEING: 3 p.m. (B. T.).

### Today's Engagements

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "The Difference between Theosophy and Spiritualism" is the subject of Study Class today (Friday), at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, opp. Flora Fountain.

B. P. C. C.: An urgent meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held tomorrow (Saturday), at 6 p.m., at the Congress House.

GUJERAT FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE: The first meeting of the Committee today (Friday), at 5-30 p.m. (B. T.), at the office of the Indian Merchants' Chamber.

SHRI KRISHNA SABHA: "Sir S. Vardachariar will speak at 8-30 p.m., today.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST EMPLOYEES' UNION: Twenty-sixth annual general meeting today, at 6-0 p.m. (S. T.), at Kamgar Sadan Hall, Nawab Tank Road, Mazagoan.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 8, today (Friday), at 7-31 a.m. (B. T.), at Round Temple and go round with them in the Ward.

THE BOMBAY DIAMOND MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: The Association will present an address to Sir C. V. Raman and he will deliver a lecture on some interesting points of diamonds today, at 5-30 p.m., at Sunderabai Hall, Queen's Road.

BOMBAY AUTOMOBILE EMPLOYEES' UNION: A meeting of the employees of Odeal Body builders (Workshop) at the Union office today, at 6 p.m.

BOMBAY STEVEDORES AND DOCK LABOURERS' UNION: A heeting at the Union office on today, at 7-30 p.m.

WASHERMEN AND LAUNDRY EMPLOYEES' UNION: A meeting of the washermen of Revi Dhobi Ghat, Gowalia Tank at the Union office today, at 9 p.m.

MATRICULATION REVISION CLASSES: The Students' Department of the Congress have organised Matriculation Revision Classes from the 3rd instant. These classes will be run in English, Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. Prominent teachers namely Messrs. S. V. Borade, P. C. Shah, Kelkar, K. Rao and Mr. Desai have kindly consented to conduct the classes. The classes will run on all days except Sundays, between 6 and 7-30 p.m., at Marwadi Vidyalaya, Sandhurst Road, Bombay 4. Students desirous to take advantage of these classes should immediately report themselves at the Congress House between 6-30 and 7-30 p.m.

### Farewell Party To Mr. A. W. DeSouza

Under the auspices of the Catholic Study Club a farewell party was held in honour of Mr. A. W. DeSouza, formerly of the I. M. M. T. S. "Dufferin" now of the Indian Central Tobacco Committee, Bombay, on his transfer to Madras. The Vicar the Rev. Fr. J. A. Pereria graced the occasion with his presence. Miss Nancy Nazareth, the Hon. Secretary of the Catholic Study Club, garlanded the guest of honour and read and presented an illuminated address eulogizing the numerous services of Mr. DeSouza in his capacity as a layman.

Mr. M. J. Carvalho, who spoke in glowing terms of Mr. DeSouza's activities especially the establishment of the St. Joseph's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul which looked after the poor of the Parish.

Referring to his social service among the Hindus and Muslims Mr. DeSouza said that he had derived great pleasure in such work as he had adopted social service as his hobby and all hobbies provided their own reward in the joy and pleasure they gave to those who followed them. He encouraged all Catholic youths to do likewise and win the confidence, respect and love of their non-Christian brethren by their selfless social service among them.

## Radio

BOMBAY, Friday, Feb. 4.
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7-30 a.m. Shridhar Parsekar 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Waheed Khan 9-0 Shridhar Parsekar.

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7-30 a.m. News (K) 7-40 Geetavali 8-15 p.m. Calling Rural Listeners 7-15 News (K).
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7-45 p.m. Commercial News 8-0 Haji Mohamad 9-15 R. H. Brahmabhatt 9-0 Amir Baksh (Sarangi) 9-30 Haji Mohammad 10-0 Ken Mac's Band.

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## STERLING BALANCES AGREEMENT

### Indo-U. K. Conference At Delhi To Review Its Working

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (UPI): Representatives of the Government of India and United Kingdom will meet here in a conference on February 7 to review the working of the Indo-U.K. Sterling Balances Agreement reached in London in July-August 1948, it is learnt.

While the representatives of the Government of India have not yet been chosen, the United Kingdom will be represented by Mr. A. T. K. Grant of the U.K. Treasury Leader of the Delegation, Mr. J. B. Leynes, Bank of England, Mr. G. D. Callen, Ministry of Supply, England, Mr. I. A. H. Moore, Board of Trade of England, Mr. G. Davey of the Commonwealth Relations Office, U.K. and Mr. G. A. Haig of the Ministry of Food, U.K.

Except Mr. Loynes who is arriving here on February 6, all other members of the U.K. Delegation are expected to arrive here tomorrow.

During the course of the review, the U.K. Delegates will be meeting the officials of the Government of India's Ministry of Finance, Commerce, External Affairs, Industry and Supply, and Food it is further learnt.

## U. K. JUTE MISSION FOR INDIA

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (API)—A deputation representing the U. K. Jute Control and jute industry is expected to arrive in Delhi on February 8 on its way to Calcutta. It will consist of Mr. Barclay Walker, of Jute Industries Ltd, Mr. H. B. Pirie, of D. Pirie and Co. (1931) Ltd. of Dundee, and Mr. F. Mackenzie, of the Jute Control.

Its object is to appoint a representative of the U. K. Jute Control among whose tasks will be to facilitate the flow of raw jute to the U. K.

### E. Bengal Jute Ordinance

DACCA, Feb. 2 (API): The Government of East Bengal have promulgated the East Bengal Jute Dealers Registration Ordinance which extends to the whole of East Bengal and will come into force on a date to be fixed later.

Under this Ordinance, all dealers in jute, occupiers of jute godowns and those who press 'kutcha' and 'pucca' jute are to be registered and obtain licenses on payment of a fee.

### Khandalawala On Need For Permanent Art Gallery

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Declaring open an exhibition of paintings by Mr. K. K. Hebbart with Princes' oRom of the Taj Maahl Hotel this evening, Mr. Karl J. Khandalawala urged the need for a permanent art gallery in Bombay. Such art exhibitions and one-man shows would thereby attain greater importance and popularity, he added.

He was confident of Bombay Government's help in the establishment of such an art gallery.

Referring to the exhibition, Mr. Khandalawalla said that though there was no ultra-modern touch in Mr. Hebbar's paintings he could not describe them as orthodox. He apreciated Mr. Hebbar's move to get school children visit the exhibition and he hoped that the artist would make them understand the real purpose of art, for the children were going to be the patrons of the art of tomorrow.

The exhibition, which is organised under the auspices of the Bombay Art Society, will remain open till Thursday February 10 between 11 A.M. and 8 P.M.

## WEATHER

### WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Feb. 3 (A.P.I.): Following is the daily weather summary, for Thursday, the 3rd February 1949:—

An active western disturbance lies this morning as a low pressure area over the south-west and the south-east Punjab. There have been fairly widespread thunder-showers over the region extending from the East Punjab to Vindhya Pradesh. Night temperatures were markedly above normal from the East Punjab and Cutch to the Deccan.

**Forecast valid until the evening of 4th:—** Thunder showers will be widespread in the East Punjab and the United Provinces and occur locally in Vindhya Pradesh and Bihar. A few thunder-showers are also likely in north and east Rajputana, Chota Nagpur and sub-Himalayan West Bengal. No large change in night temperatures is expected.

**Heavy rainfall warning:—** Moderate to heavy rain or snow may occur locally in the hills of the East Punjab and the west United Provinces during the next 48 hours.

### WEATHER CHART

POONA, Feb. 3 (A.P.I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and Minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours with total rainfall from first December 1949, and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I.S.T.) on Feb. 3, 1949:—

Allahabad 84 56 0.1 0.1 minus 1.0; Bangalore 81 56 57 0 0.2 minus 0.5; BOMBAY 84 70 0 0 minus 0.2; Calcutta 84 57 0 0.1 minus 0.6; Cherrapunji 62 48 0 0.5; Colombo 93 73 0 10.4 plus 0.8; Darjiling 54 38 0 0.5 minus 0.5; Dehradun 59 50 0.4 0.9 minus 2.7; Delhi 78 56 0.1 0.2 minus 1.3; Hyderabad (Dn.) 86 65 0 0 minus 0.7; Jacobabad — 54 0 0.1 minus 0.3; Karachi 80 70 0 0.3 minus 0.4; Kodaikanal 62 44 0 4.7 minus 3.7; Madras 96 69 0 1.7 minus 5.2; Marmagao 88 — 0 0 minus 0.3; Ootacamund 70 45 0 1.0 minus 3.0; Patna 79 57 0 1.4 plus 0.5; Quetta 53 39 0.4 1.1 minus 2.1; Simla 40 35 0.3 2.5 minus 1.6.

## Confiscation Of Cars And Land From Jodhpur Jagirdars

(From Our Correspondent)

JODHPUR, Feb. 2.

The Jodhpur Government has passed orders confiscating all those motor cars and valuable land plots allotted to several Jagirdars and favourites of the Ruling family, before the popular Ministry of Marwar was formed. The estimated value of these motor cars and land plots is more than ten lakhs of Rupees.

It is further reported that the popular Ministers are making enquiries into other cash gifts, Jagirs and transfer of State property to similar favourites.

## Ummed Textile Strikers Resume

(From Our Correspondent)

JODHPUR, Feb. 2.

A message received from Pali (Marwar) say that the workers of Ummed Textile Mills Pali, who had gone on strike five days back resumed work unconditionally yesterday. It is reported that the workers refused to accept Communist guidance and entered Mill premises with National Flag and National slogans.

## *VIET-NAM CHIEF'S CALL TO PEOPLE*

### *Fight To The Last For Unity And Independence*

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (UPI): A call to the people of Viet-Nam to launch a counter-offensive against the French Colonial army was given by the Viet-Nam President, Dr. Ho Chi Minh and the Commander-in-Chief, on the occasion of the Viet-Nam New Year Day.

Addressing the people in French zones, the Viet-Nam President said: "Our troops are determined to fight to the last for the independence and unity of the fatherland so as to put an end to your sufferings. At the same time, I earnestly urge you to keep closely united, to encourage our combatants and to be ready to annihilate the enemy. Every Viet-Nam citizen in French zones must be the Gravedigger of the enemy. Your liberation must be partly the task of the Government and partly your own".

According to figures available, Viet-Nam forces are reported to have killed 53,600 French soldiers, and wounded 45,000 during the period of September, 1945 to September, 1948. More than three thousand French soldiers have joined the Viet-Nam forces.

## *REFUGEES FROM EAST BENGAL*

### *W. Bengal Government Contradicts Press Reports*

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3 (API): Reports that one and a quarter crores of refugees had come from East Bengal to this province are contradicted by the West Bengal Government, in a Press Note issued today.

The Press note states: The West Bengal Government are informed that press reports contain a statement that according to this Government, 1-1/4 crores of refugees have come. There is another report published, which has placed the number at 30 lakhs. Both these reports are incorrect. The number of refugees uptodate, as far as the Government could ascertain, is between 15 and 16 lakhs."

CUTTACK, Feb. 3 (API): The Government of Orissa have appointed a Committee of 23 with Lala Ranjit Singh Bariha, P.W.D., Minister, as Chairman, to advise the Government on all matters concerning land acquisition, land reclamation, development and resettlement of the people who will be displaced in consequence of the Jirakud Dam project.

## STRENGTHENING INDO-CEYLON TIES

### Nehru's Message On New Dominion's Independence Day

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3. (UPI)—Messages have been exchanged between the Prime Minister of India and the Prime Minister of Ceylon on the occasion of the first anniversary of Ceylon's independence day, February 4, 1949.

Message from the Prime Minister of India says: "On behalf of the Government the people of India and on my behalf I have much pleasure in sending you our falicitations and greetings on the first anniversary of Ceylon's Independence Day. I am confident that our newly acquired independence will strengthen the friendship between our two countries which are bound indissolubly to each other by common ties of culture and tradition."

Message from the Prime Minister of Ceylon says: On behalf of the people and Government of Ceylon, I tender my sincere thanks for the felicitations and greetings extended to me on the occasion of the first anniversary of Ceylon's Independence. We are no less certain that the common ties of culture and tradition which unite the free peoples of India and Ceylon will help to cement and enhance the already friendly relations which happily exist between our two countries."

PROGRAMME FOR CELEBRATIONS

COLOMBO, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter)—Ceylon celebrates her first anniversary of independence tomorrow, and a daylong programme to mark the occasion has been outlined. It will include a military review, independence commemoration ceremony, the laying of an independence foundation stone and receptions of religious services.

The programme will be highlighted by a marathon relay race from four points. North, South, South-East and West Ceylon, converging on Colombo.

The Working Committee of the Ceylon Indian Congress has directed District Committees to organise public meetings and other functions and fly the Congress flag alongside the Lion flag (Ceylon National Standard) as part of the celebrations.

## Coal Mines Committee Of I. L. O.

NEW DELHI, February 3 (API): The third session of the Coal Mines Committee of the I.L.O., will be held at Pitsburgh, Pennsylvania (U.S.A.) from April 19, says a communique. The session will last for about ten days.

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# ALLEGED APATHY TOWARDS PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ON CIVIC MATTERS

## Strong Criticism Against Corporation's Nonchalant Attitude

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The alleged nonchalant attitude of the Municipal authorities towards complaints received from the general public on civic matters came in for strong criticism at a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation today. Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Mayor presided.

A resolution moved by Mr. Dinker Desai drew the attention of the Municipal Commissioner to the fact that there was general complaint from the citizens that letters addressed by them to the municipal authorities on civic matters did not receive prompt and proper attention with the result that the public had to put up with various inconveniences which otherwise would have been avoided. The resolution therefore requested the Commissioner to take necessary steps for removing this complaint.

**COMPLAINTS UNATTENDED**

Mr. Naushir Bharucha speaking on the resolution stated that more than 80 per cent of the complaints received by the authorities remained unattended. As a result the department concerned had a bad name. People were heard saying openly that it was no use making any complaint to the municipality because it would not bear any fruit.

Mr. Bharucha affirmed that people had generally more civic sense than the departmental heads of the municipality. It was high time that something tangible was done to remove this indifference and make them conscious of their responsibility. There was tall talk of carrying on propaganda for improving the civic sense of the public "What is the use of any such propaganda when our departmental heads are not doing their duty properly?' asked Mr. Bharucha.

Further discussion on the matter was adjourned to the next meeting of the Corporation.

**MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS**

Earlier the Corporation considered Mr. Dinker Desai's resolution requesting the Works Committee immediately to prepare a ten-year plan for constructing suitable municipal school buildings all over the city and submit the same to the Corporation through the Standing Committee so that the Corporation may be in a position to undertake the execution of the plan without delay.

Speaking on the resolution Mr. Desai stated that most of the municipal schools in the city were housed in premises which the Health Officer of the Municipality had repeatedly described as insanitary and ill-ventillated Only 60 out of a total number of 425 municipal schools had something like suitable buildings. In view of these facts, said Mr. Desai, it was highly desirable to have a ten-year plan as demanded in the resolution.

Mr. Desai further observed that money spent on the construction of municipal school buildings would be the best national investment, because it went towards building up the future generation of the country, which was in fact the best asset of the country.

Mrs. Sulochana Mody moved an amendment to the effect that the matter be referred to the Municipal Commissioner for his remarks. Mrs. Mody said that the resolution was uncalled for in view of the fact that the Corporation had by previous resolution appointed an officer to examine the whole question of primary education and his report was already in the print. The resolution, she said, was too late.

Mr. M. Harris moved another amendment that the matter be sent to the Commissioner who should make his remarks within a period of three months. This amendment when put to the vote was lost.

Mr. Dinker Desai in his reply to the debate tried to point out that the question of erecting buildings for municipal schools was not referred to the special officer appointed for the purpose of examining the question of primary education.

The Municipal Commissioner at this stage tried to correct Mr. Desai by pointing out that "facility provided for holding classes" was one of the terms of reference submitted to the special officer who was entrusted with the work of preparing a report on primary education. Mr. Desai admitted his error and thanked the Commissioner for correcting him.

Mrs. Sulochana Mody's amendment was then passed as a substantive resolution.

**ROAD SANITATION**

At the outset Mr. S. K. Keluskar moved a resolution which expressed Corporation's grave concern at the deteriorating standard of road sanitation in the city. The resolution further drew the attention of the Municipal Commissioner to the fact that huge garbage heaps were seen in various places, specially in or around the markets. The resolution, therefore, requested the Commissioner to take immediate steps to improve road sanitation in the city.


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## Domicile Restrictions Relaxed

As a result of the follow-up action taken by the Directorate-General of Resettlement and Employment, Ministry of Labour, substantial progress has been made in the Provinces regarding relaxation of domicile restrictions in favour of refugees.

The Government of Bombay have put refugee employment-seekers almost at par with the natives of the province and the absorption of former public employees in Pakistan into the corresponding services in the Province is taking place. The Bihar Government are giving preference to refugees from Pakistan if qualified Biharies are not available. The Government of C.P. and Berar have relaxed the condition of domicile for recruitment to temporary vacancies and to permanent posts if candidates take up permanent residence in the Province.

The local Governments of Delhi and Ajmer-Merwara have agreed to relax the domicile restriction for refugees from Sind, Baluchistan, N.W.F.P. and West Punjab and to consider them for employment if they are duly qualified. The Government of Orissa take them as though they were domiciled in the Province, provided they are willing to settle there.

The Government of West Bengal have relaxed the domicile restrictions in the case of refugees of Bengalee descent from Pakistan who intend. However, such refugee candidates must declare, before the taking up residence in the Province. East Punjab has decided to amend its Service Rules in accordance with the suggestions of the Government of India.

## Charkha Classes For Women And Children

The Government of Bombay has decided to continue the scheme of conducting charkha classes at the various labour welfare centres in the Province for one more year. Under the scheme, which was sanctioned in December, 1947, 27 charkha classes are being conducted for the benefit of women and children dependent on industrial workers for their maintenance and having leisure to take to spinning as a subsidiary occupation. Instructions in the carding of cotton and the preparation of slivers are also given at these classes.

# 2 LAKHS DAMAGE IN CITY GODOWNS FIRE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A fire that raged for well over two hours, before it was brought under control, in the vicinity of the Apollo Mills, D'Lisle Road, this morning, completely destroyed fourteen cotton waste godowns and damaged cotton waste and yarn, estimated in the neighbourhood of Rs. two lakhs.

Much of the contents of the godowns was reduced to ashes, while what was left in a state of partial damage by the smoke, soot and flames, was destroyed, by the floods of water which were pumped on to the angry flames. Thirteen fire-engines, which scurried to the scene of the disaster, when the fire alarm sounded, at 10-30 in the morning, valiantly battled with the fire for well over two hours, under the direction of Mr. M. J. Pradhan, Chief Officer, Bombay Fire Brigade, and brought it under control.

A strong breeze, which helped to feed the flames, made the task of the firemen none too easy. While the fire broke out from the middle godown, the breezes blowing at the time, spread it hither and thither, and in no time, the line of fourteen godowns, was a red streak of flame and smoke. Though there is no official version as to how the fire broke out, it is surmised, in some quarters, that it must have been due to auto-combustion on account of the high pressure inside the godowns.

**Mr. Pradhan, who returned from the scene of the fire late in the evening, told a representative of this paper that though the fire had been brought under control, it would smoulder for the next 48 hours.**

# REGISTER OF FIRMS CONCLUSIVE

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Desai).

P. H. Vaswani—Plaintiff.

vs

Khanchand M. Hira—Defendant.

Interesting questions of law were raised in this suit filed by the plaintiff for a declaration that the defendant was a partner with him in the firm of Indur Chandur & Bros., that that partnership was dissolved on 1st May, 1947, and claiming Rs. 12,340-2-3 from the defendant.

Referring to Section 68 of the Partnership Act which laid down that any statement in the Register of Firms was conclusive proof of any fact stated in it, his lordship held that the entry in that Register being that the plaintiff and the defendant were partners in the firm, no evidence could be permitted to be led to prove the contrary.

On the next question as to whether it was open to the defendant to lead oral evidence to prove that though he had signed a partnership agreement he was a mere nominee of the plaintiff, his lordship stated that though oral evidence could not be led to vary the terms of a written document, evidence could be led to show that there was really no agreement at all. As, however, the entry in the Register of Firms was conclusive on this point, his lordship held that the defendant was a partner with the plaintiff and that that partnership had been dissolved in December 1944. His lordship then referred the rest of the suit to the Commissioner for taking accounts of the partnership business.

Mr. S. T. Desai and Mr. P. N. Bhagwati instructed by Messrs. Dayalji and Dipchand appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. N. A. Mody and Mr M. L Maneksha instructed by Messrs. Rustomji and Ginwalla appeared for the defendant

## Revision Application By Advocate

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Gajendragadkar)

B. S. Panisuff—Petitioner

vs

1 B. K. Patel, Municipal Commissioner.

2 Miss Kapila Khandwalla, Secretary of the Municipal Schools Committee—Respondents.

The petitioner, an advocate had filed a complaint before the Chief Presidency Magistrate under Section 515 of the City Municipal Act for an order prohibiting the use of the Gilder Tank compound for dramatic or 'puja' performances or the use of loud-speakers, and for nuisance under Section 290 of the Penal Code. The Chief Presidency Magistrate dismissed the complaint summarily on the ground that no criminal offence was disclosed but at most a tort had been committe, for which a civil action might lie.

The petitioner having approached the High Court in Revision from this order, their lordships admitted the application which will now come up for hearing in due course.

Mr. J. C. Shah appeared for the petitioner.

## Money-Lenders Must Get Licences

Under the Bombay Money-lenders Act, 1946, which has recently been amended by the Amendment Act, 1948, which came into force on November 18, 1948, all companies, as defined in the Act, carrying on the business of money-lending in the Bombay Province and which were hitherto exempt (with the exception of Scheduled Banks, Co-operative Societies and Associations registered under the Society Registration Act), can no longer do such business without a licence. They are advised to apply for licences to the Assistant Registrars of Money-lenders concerned immediately. If they fail to do so and continue to do money-lending business illegally they will render themselves liable to penal action.

The amended Act has also authorised Registrars, Assistant Registrars and such other officers as may be authorised by the Government to require a money-lender to produce for the officer's inspection all records and documents connected with the money-lending butsiness.

# Films To See This Week

Jeanne Crain, William Holden and Edmund Gwenn in "Apartment for Peggy".

## "APARTMENT FOR PEGGY"

### At The New Empire

Twentieth Century-Fox reunited two new Academy Award-winners for the filming of "Apartment for Peggy", the hilarious new hit photographed in colour by Technicolor. They are Director George Seaton, honoured for the screenplay of "Miracle on 34th Street", and Edmund Gwenn, who was awarded an "Oscar" as the best supporting player of the year in the ame film.

In "Apartment for Peggy", Gwenn who is co-starred with Jeanne Crain and William Holden, is seen in the role of "The Professor", a part that is said to match in rare and unusual appeal the character of "Kris Kringle" for which he won his Academy Award. The story of the trials and tribulations of a student war veteran and his uninhibited young wife finds the success of the young couple in meeting their problems dependent on a surprise transformation in the life of "The Professor" himself.

In addition to directing "Apartment for Peggy", Seaton also wrote the screenplay, basing it on a novelette by Faith Baldwin.

## "NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE"

### At The Regal

DeMille's "North West Mounted Police" is revived at the Regal Theatre. Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carrell share honours with a cast including Paulette Goddard, Preston Foster, Robert Preston, Akim Tamiroff, Lynne Overman, George Banereft, Lon Chaney, Jr., and Walter Hampden. It is the biggest cast DeMille has ever offered a cast suited to the epic proportions of this picture, and one competent to deal with its big story.

DeMille's film is dedicated to those Mounties who quelled the furious rebel uprising. Pitifully outnumbered, they answered the assault which, if successful, would have devastated Canadian soil and overthrown the Government. Packed with thrills and two love stories, the film is guaranteed to hold attention.

A tense moment from "Song of My Heart".

## "SONG OF MY HEART"

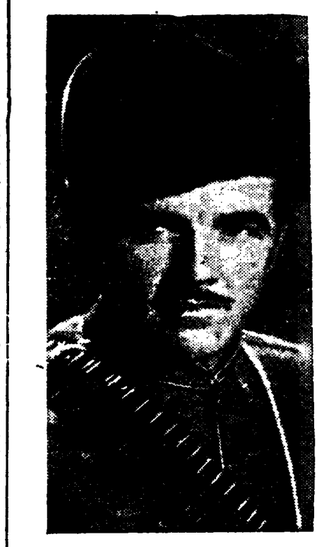
### At The Strand

Symphony Films' "Song of My Heart", an Allied Artists' release, contains many of the greatest compositions of the immortal Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky.

These include his Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Symphonies; Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-Flat Minor; the Swan Lake and Nutcracker ballets, Capriccio Italien, Overture 1812, Marche Slave, Romeo and Juliet Fantasy, Andante Cantabile and the barcarolle, June.

This high-budget film serves as the vehicle in which Frank Sundstrom, Swedish cinema star, makes his American cinema debut in the role of the Russian who composed deathless music. Teamed romantically with him is Audrey Long, cast as a Russian princess. Others in the cast are Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Mikhail Rasumny and Gale Sherwood.

"Song of My Heart" was produced by Nathaniel Finston, who also directed the music, and J Theodore Reed. The screenplay was written and directed by Benjamin Glazer.



Gary Cooper in "North West Mounted Police".

## "A DATE WITH JUDY"

### At The Metro

After many years' absence from the screen, Wallace Beery stages a comeback in M.G.M.'s light-hearted musical, "A Date with Judy". Playing the role of pater families, he does a lovely rhumba with Carmen Miranda creating one of the biggest laugh sequences of the picture. Jane Powell, in the role of a sixteen-year-old daughter of Wallace, sings some attractive songs.

Carmen Miranda in "A Date with Judy".

# EXTENSION OF POSTAL FACILITIES

## Speeding Airmail Service

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

The report of the Posts and Telegraphs Department 1946-47 reveals an increase in the volume of postal traffic, extension of rural post offices, resumption of numerous services which were suspended during the war, opening of new air mail services, the commencement of photo-telegrams between Bombay and New York and a reduction in the rates for inland post cards. Postal traffic increased by about 14 per cent while telegraphic traffic fell by 3.3 per cent (inland) and 2.2 per cent (foreign). The total value of the Posts and Telegraphs Department's transactions amounted to about Rs. 630 crores as against Rs. 621 crores in the previous year.

**EXPANSION OF RURAL SERVICE**

The number of Urban Post Offices increased from 4,408 to 4,450 while rural Post Offices from 21,508 to 21,680. Nearly 1,077 experimental Post Offices were opened in the rural areas as against 286 in the previous year. The air mail service was accelerated by the provision of blue letter boxes, Air Sorting Offices, runnng of mail vans between offices and aerodromes and the provision of speeial messengers and cycle peons for delivery.

There was an increase in the number of telephones at the close of the year from 126,000 to 127,000. The number of outgoing trunk calls showed a slight increase from 4.5 million to 4.7 million.

**COMMENCEMENT OF NEW SERVICES**

New services that were started included many new inland air mail services. They totalled 15 as against 6 in the previous year. An air letter service to U.S.A. was started at the rate of eight annas per air letter.

A photo-telegram service between Bombay and New York was started in December 1946. The oversess radio telephone service was extended to U.S.A. and Eire.

Business reply facilities were extended to 1148 concerns as against 693 in the previous year. The facility for franking machines was also increased by 200 to 701.

**LABOUR AND STRIKES**

During the period under review, postmen and lower grade staff went on strike from July 11, 1946, till August 7, 1946.

The number of men involved in this strike was 50,000 out of a total staff of 1,60,000. A sum of Rs. 263 lakhs was incurred as additional pay charges in implementing the award of the adjudicator in the dispute between the Department and its staff. On the whole in spite of the strain caused by the communal disturbances and strikes, postal and telegraph facilities were expanded.

## R. I. N. EXAMINATION RESULTS

The following is the list of candidates who have qualified in the Royal Indian Navy Examination held by the Federal Public Service Commission in November, 1948:—

M. C. Misra, Vijay Kumar Sahny, P. P. Nayyar, A. R. Chatterjee, C Almeida, J. C. Puri, I. K. Singhal, J. M. Srivastava, R. P. Rastogi, V. P. Gupta, F. G. L. Garthwaite, S. N. Singh Yadav, B. R. Choudhuri, H. S Punia, T. N. Srinivasan, Satish Kumar, Harbans Lal, N. K. Choubey, R. A. Chitwal, C. S. Puri, K. Agrawala, M. S. Sikand, J. S. Atwal, T. V. Lakshmi, Narayanan, K. D. Charma, Prabhat Kumar, V. M. Khanna, S. M. Gadihoke, A. M. Pulimood, O. P. Gupta, G. K. Rao, Kailash Chander, Ravi Kumar, R. A. John, Anderson, P. Rajasekharan, P. N. Sreedharan Pillai, J. N. Kapur, T. N. Singhal, P. K. Seth, I. J. S. Madan, M. V. Ghaisas, S. K. Dutta, R. M. Shamrao, Satdev Bhasin, T. S. Kaushal, K. C. Saigal, B. S. Diwan, C. J. D'Souza, Baldev Singh, K. L Mehandroo, J. B. Correia, I. Subramanyam, N. S. Joshi, Rajinder Singh, P. Prasana Madhav, A. D. Mukhopadyha, Krishna Prasad, V. Pershad, V. Ramasethu, K. N. Singh, Kamal Puri, M Joyappa Nanayya and K. Jayaratnam.

## CLOTH CONTROL TO GO AGAIN?

(From Our Correspondent)

**AHMEDABAD, Feb. 3.—It is reliably learnt that cloth control will be lifted in the near future, only keeping production control in view of the large-scale accumulation of bales in mills and godowns. There is shortage of cotton for the mills and people are not buying cloth in sufficient quantity in rationing. Once again the cloth problem is before Government, both at the Centre and in the Provinces.**

**Current rumour in the market is that cloth control will not last longer.**

## Chinese Artist To Hold Exhibition In Bombay

Miss Yau Wan-Shan, a famous Chinese landscape artist came to Bombay, on Tuesday from Delhi. The young Chinese artist plans to hold an exhibition of her paintings in Bombay in the near future.

Miss Yau is a well-known pupil of the famous Chinese artist Mr. Kao Chien-Fu who visited Calcutta ten years ago and held an exhibition of paintings which won the admiration of lovers of true art. 'Miss Yau held exhibitions of her paintings in Hongkong, Hanoi, Saigon, Quang Bingh, and other places in Malaya. She held an exhibition in Rangoon and she also studied Burmese schools of painting.

She came to India in 1948 and an exhibition of her paintings at Calcutta, which was declared open by His Excellency C. Rajagopalachari, brought her fame among admirers of Indian artists. In Santiniketan she studied Indian landscape painting and travelled in North India and projected landscape pieces of the Himalayas on Saree materials, an innovation which amazed many critics of art. On January 18th this year, she held an exhibition at Delhi under the auspices of All-India Fine Arts and Crafts Society. The exhibition was declared open by His Excellency Dr. Lo Chia-Luen, Chinese Ambassador in India.

## "ASIA AS THIRD GREAT POWER"

### View Of Pak. Trade Commissioner To Australia

SYDNEY, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter):—Whether some people accept it or not, Asia must be regarded as a Third Great Power, Mr. K. H. Rahman, the Pakistan Trade Commissioner to Australia declared here today. He said this had been proved by the recent 19 nation conference at New Delhi.

"Asia must be expected to play its role in the comity of nations for maintenance of peace and harmony in the world", he said. "Australian support for victims of aggression in Indonesia has enhanced her position not only in the Far-East but in the rest of the world", he added.

"Many have made the mistake of not considering Australia in the context of her geographical position in the Far East. They have underestimated the role of the Far-East—particularly Asia—in world affairs. This role will increase in importance in future", Mr. Rahman declared.

Referring to Indian partition, Mr. Rahman said the issue was not religious but was made necessary because Hindus and Muslims had no economic or cultural affinity. Pakistan was British and happy to have "British" in the title of the Commonwealth provided this did not denote racial superiority, he concluded.

## CZECH "SPY-RING" ARRESTS

PRAGUE, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): The Ministries of National Defence and Interior in a joint Communique today announced the arrest of Gen. Karel Kutlvasr as a leader of a group of alleged conspirators held since December.

The group were arrested on charges of planning terrorist activity and co-operating with "a spy centre of a Western Power".

Gen. Kutlvasr, Commander of Prague's Liberation Forces in 1945, was reported earlier this month to be among about 400 officers of the Czech armed forces held in prison in connection with a military coup said to have been planned to take place during Christmas. The official statement described Kutlvasr as one of the leaders of a group of alleged conspirators held since December on charges of storing arms and explosives for terrorist activity and co-operating "with the spy centre of a Western Power". The announcement said charges have been made against fifteen members of the group.

## PETROL RATIONING TO GO?

**Reports circulated in the city about the de-rationing of petrol in Bombay and two other port towns of India from April first were not confirmed in official circles here today.**

**A spokesman of the Government of Bombay when questioned on the matter said that the Government of India had not sent any official intimation so far. He said 'this is news to me'.**

# WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

**REGAL:**
"North West Mounted Police", starring Gary Cooper and Madeleine Carroll.

**NEW EMPIRE:**
"Apartment for Peggy", starring Jeanne Crain and William Holden.

**STRAND:**
"Song of My Heart", starring Frank Sundstrom, Audrey Long and Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

**METRO:**
"A Date With Judy", starring Wallace Beery, Jane Powell, Elizabeth Taylor, Carmen Miranda and Xavier Cugat.

**PARADISE:**
From Friday (today) to Monday: "Pursued", starring Teresa Wright, and Robert Mitchum. From Tuesday (8th) to Thursday (10th) "Boom Town" starring Clark Gable, Spencer Tracy, Hedy Lamarr and Claudette Colbert.

**BANDRA TALKIES:**
From Saturday (5th) to Tuesday (8th) "The Count of Monte Criste", starring Robert Donat and Elissa Landi.

From Wednesday (9th) to Friday (11th) "Cloak and Dagger", starring Gary Cooper and Lilli Palmer.

# Mankad Doubtful Starter For Fifth Test

## INDIA'S ONLY HOPE OF DRAWING RUBBER RESTS IN VICTORY

**WITH ONLY A MATCH TO GO, THE WEST INDIES WILL BE IN THE HAPPY POSITION OF HAVING PLACED THEMSELVES BEYOND THE POSSIBILITIES OF A DEFEAT IN THE SERIES WHEN THE FINAL TEST OPENS AT THE BRABOURNE STADIUM TODAY. THE ONLY ONE OF THE FOUR MATCHES IN THE SERIES SO FAR WHICH HAS PRODUCED A RESULT IS THE ONE AT MADRAS WHICH ENDED IN A DISASTROUS DEFEAT FOR THE HOME TEAM.**

The best that India can do under the circumstances is to draw the series by winning the last Test. But on the Brabourne Stadium wicket which affords no assistance whatsoever to the bowler, such a possibility is rather remote, particularly as India possesses nothing in the nature of a bowler. Added to this is the fact that the West Indians, largely due to their batting potentialities have never been dismissed twice during a Test so far in India and often they have had to sacrifice their last few wickets for the sake of runs.

**The possibility that Vinoo Mankad may not be able to assist the home team should also not be forgotten altogether. During the last day of the Madras Test India's popular all-rounder was bruised all over the body by some of the deliveries of Jones and Trim. It is not yet known whether or not he will play, but should he decide to drop out, what pretence India had of an attack will also be left behind in the dressing room. Vinoo Mankad has not struck his best form either with the bat or the ball this season it is true. But this great cricketer has the knack of finding it most unexpectedly. We should not forget that when Vinoo was running in a bad patch a few seasons ago and when he appeared to be on the verge of disappearance he suddenly made himself felt and recognised with a painstaking though extremely useful century in the pentangulars.**

Should Mankad be fit, the problem of nominating the twelfth man would be a difficult decision which will rest with the Indian Captain. The inclusion of Bannerji Sr. is both late and unwarranted. He is no longer at his best and should not trouble the West Indian batsmen over much. His figures for the East Zone against the visitors were obtained on a matting surface which is as nearly the anti-thesis of the Brabourne Stadium as any two regular wickets in the world can be His inclusion, however appears to be certain, as he would be of little use as a twelfth man. Oddly enough, his inclusion will shorten the Indian tail and may even lend some help to the Indian batsmen.

This will reduce the choice of the last player to either Ghulam Ahmed or Umrigar. While one would like to have both these players in the side, it appears that the present selection has no room for them. Umrigar would be a very valuable all-rounder and will be certainly more useful as a unit in the side than Ghulam Ahmed. Besides, his only Test innings was by no means a failure and did not warrant the summary dismissal which he received at the hands of the selectors after the second Test. But should Amarnath require a bowler to sustain the burden of a stock-bowler Umrigar will be unable to fill that role and the choice will then obviously rest with Ghulam Ahmed. Only Amarnath, who remains, after all, the best judge of the needs of his side can make the final selection.

For their part, it was hardly likely that the West Indies would disturb the winning combination. The shrewd Headley, lacking in form and practice, was not likely to find a place in the side, one suspects at his own behest, for the visitors were not at all badly in need of a number three. In fact any player sent in that order appears to be doing extremely well. The assistance, however, which Jones and Trim received on the fifth day's wicket at Madras will not be forthcoming and the degree of effectiveness will be lost even if some portion of it is retained. Again the West Indies will be content to play for a draw and there may not be the throwing away of later wickets which was evinced in the earlier Tests. It will therefore not be surprising if they establish some new records after Goddard wins his usual flip of the coin.

The following will be the teams:—

INDIA: L. Amarnath (Capt.), P. Sen, V. S. Hazare, Mushtaq Ali, V. Mankad, A. C. Ibrahim, D. G. Phadkar, R. S. Modi, H. R. Adhikari, S. N. Bannerjee, P. R. Umrigar and Ghulam Ahmed.

WEST INDIES: J. D. Goddard (Capt.), J. B. Stollmeyer, C. L. Walcott, E. Weekes, F. J. Cameron, A. F. Rae, R. Christiani, D. Atkinson, P. E. Jones, J. Trim and G. E. Gomez. K. Rickards twelfth man.

Hours of play 10-45 a.m. to 12-45 p.m.; 1-45 p.m. to 3-45 p.m.; 4-5 p.m. to 5-5 p.m.

Umpires: Messrs. A. R. Joshi and B. J. Mohini.

## Denis Compton's Popularity

### ONCE AGAIN ELECTED "SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR"

LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter):—Denis Compton, renowned cricketer and footballer has been elected "sportsman of the year" for the second successive year in a poll conducted by the weekly publication "The Sporting Record". More than 140,500 readers voted for Britain's number one sportsman and Compton obtained nearly a quarter of their votes with a total of 31,295. Compton, now with the M.C.C. Cricket team in South Africa, had only one serious rival. In the world cruiserweight champion, Freddie Mills, who collected 26,216 votes. Britain's woman hurdler sprinter, Maureen Gardner, was third with 6,257, just ahead of the heavyweight boxing champion, Bruce Woodcock, who got 5,639 votes

This was the first time that any woman had reached the first twelve in the poll. Then followed England's soccer players goal-keeper Frank Swift and forward Stanley Mortenson, cricketer Len Hutton, two more soccer stars, Tommy Lawton and Albert Stubbins, and then champion Jockey, Gordon Richards.

Votes were cast for more than 1,700 sportsmen and women representing every form of sport and were received from all parts of Britain and overseas. Among those who figured in the "also rans" were the King—he is a good shot and useful lawn tennis player—the Duke of Edinburgh, a keen all-round sportsman, while both Winston Churchill and Clement Attlee received votes, although neither has any great claim to fame as a sporting figure although Mr. Churchill rides to hounds.

Famous world figures who get votes to which they were not entitled as only British sportsmen and women were considered, were Australian cricketer Sir Donald Bradman, American boxers Joe Louis and Gus Lesnevich, West Indian sprinters MacDonald Bailey and Arthur Wint and Dutch woman sprinter, Fanny Blankers-Koen.

## LEWIS CUP HOCKEY DRAW

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The draw for the Lewis Cup Hockey Tournament has been announced. Altogether 24 teams have entered and matches will be played at St. Xavier's College Ground Parel commencing on Monday 7th February.

The following is the draw:—

First Quarter: St. Xavier's "A" (Bye), Bhimraj S.C. vs. Punchgani Parsis; B.B. and C.I. Railway "B" vs. Khatau S.C.; Young Sports "A" (Bye)

Second Quarter: G.I.P. Railway "A" (Bye); Blue Wizard's "A" vs. Kurla Spartans; R.I.A.F. vs. B.E.S.T.; Bombay Port Trust "A" (Bye).

Third Quarter: B.B. and C.I. Rly "A" (Bye); Bombay A. A. vs. Lever S.C. "A"; St. Xavier's "B" vs. Mazagaon Dock "A"; Dockyard "A", (Bye).

Fourth Quarter: Goan Sports "A" (Bye); St. Xavier's Association vs. Catholic Gymkhana; Anjuman Union vs. Black Spiders; Times of India "A" (Bye).

## In the Day's Sport

**CRICKET**

10-45 a.m. First day of the fifth Test at the Brabourne Stadium.

**HOCKEY**

Association Ground

4 p.m. R.I.A.F. vs. G.I.P. Rly. "B" (Provincial Championship).

5-20 p.m. Goa vs. Rest (Festival Tournament).

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel

5 p.m. Bombay Port Trust "B" vs. Young Rovers.

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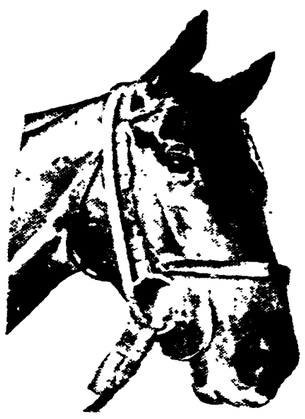
## THRILLING DERBY IN VIEW



Prince of Ramgarh, the Prince among horses.

Balam, opponent.

# PRINCE OF RAMGARH APPEARS BEST

## Formidable Opposition Feared From Balam

(BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT.)

**The seventh Indian Derby to be run at Mahalaxmi on Saturday has 22 acceptors three of whom are Fillies. Most of the contestants are winners at this season and promise to make a thrilling race.**

The winner, this year gets a stake of Rs. 73,170—the second Rs. 21,680—the third Rs. 13,550—and Rs. 5,000 to the breeder of the winner.

The first and foremost is the Prince of Ramgarh, a Prince among the horses by whom Bombay will stand solidly in the Blue Riband. By Illuminate—Saskatoon, he tasted first defeat of the career this season in the Idar Gold Cup over seven furlongs at the hands of Balam but subsequently in the 2,000 Guineas Rickaby on his back he avenged his defeat with a remarkable late charge. The smashing Guineas success and the manner in which he has shaped in the Derby trial denotes that he will stay the extra half mile. His connections have at last secured the services of Rickaby who was to have piloted Prospero in the rich race and hence the Prince will have all that is needed from the saddle. Osman, Prospero's trainer received a postcard from a dreamer in Madras a fortnight ago intimating Rickaby's success in the classic and all set in favour we will hail the Prince on Saturday.

Formidable opposition is feared from Balam also Illuminate—Hooishe. He narrowly went down to the flying Prince in the 2,000 Guineas but has performed exceedingly well in his trials and will now be having the assistance of his pet rider, Kheem Singh.

Another Illuminate Colt, Aman, is in with a chance. He is a winner of two races this season and in his latest essay he was a noteworthy second to Jeanne D'Arc over ten furlongs. This one has had good many runs hitherto in Bombay and her trainer was of late reprimanded by the stewards. He is worth a flutter.

King Sheridan, Sheridan Pomino, has four "off the reel" to his credit this season. A good stayer but may find the company too big here honest Kasbekar will steer him and so he will lack the whip.

Take On, Shorthand—My Queen, has not showed any thing beyond his early victory over seven furlongs. Roberts is sure to display the might of his whip and he may set the pace to his stable-mate, Balam.

Hindustan Zindabad, Masked Jester—Flavour, is a serious challenger from Calcutta. Despatch from that end mentions he is a different horse from the one who inflicted unaccountable damage at Poona last season. He has scored over distance also and his last success was over ten furlongs in the Indian Champion Cup where he comfortably beat. Thalwil Veteran Sibbritt is here to pilot him and many a critic has his own version about him. Mr. Bagree, the multi-millionaire Marwari can very well afford to put huge bets on his candidate but Hindustan Zindabad is not meeting Thalwil here. His task before the champion Prince and Balam will not be as easy as considered by the Bengalee on Saturday.

Trainer Buckley has two candidates for the year's Derby, Rana Pratap and Fitna. The retainer, Billy Evans, will. I learn don silk on the first named while Irish Jockey Duffy will be astride Fitna. Rana does not appeal to me but if Fitna keeps a straight course she may run close.

Finally, my first choice falls on the Prince and I expect to see him score in a battle Royal with Balam.

### MOTIRAM CUP BADMINTON

The following are the probables from whom the final teams to represent Bombay City and Bombay Suburbs will be selected:—

BOMBAY CITY: B. R. Agaskar, M. K. Bopardikar, M. N. Desai, S. Dinker Rao, R. A. Dongre, C. B. Kalappa, B. F. Koppikar, A. R. Kavarana, G. S. Kalyanpur, C. P. Merchant, M. G. Mangalvadekar, P. S. Nilkant M. S. Patil, G. P. Shirke. P. M. D. Thackersey.

BOMBAY SUBURBS: T. Fernandes, A. G. Kalyanpurkar, V. A. Madgavkar, S. S. Nerurkar, G. D. Patwardhan, K. M. Rangnekar, H. K. Talvarikhan. A. V. Ullal, R. Vamavalla.

### PROVINCIAL HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Poor hockey was witnessed in this evening's Bombay Provincial Hockey Championship when BEST Sports Club beat Juvenile S.C. by two goals to nil. In a game of hard hitting tactics with nothing but a one sided game BEST a first division side should have beaten their second division rivals by a larger margin.

The Tramwaymen scored two goals in the opening half of play and thereafter they couldn't translate their fine efforts into goals the second half was void of any scoring. Belliappa scored the first goal off a pass from the left outer and then G. Fernandes scored the second goal as a result of a goal mouth melee.

### Figueredo Cup Draw

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following is the draw for the Figuerdo Cup to be played at St. Xavier's College Ground Parel, commencing on Monday, 7th February:—

Upper Half: Willingdon C. G. vs. Blue Wizard's "B"; St. Xavier's "C" vs. Telephone Club; Bombay Port Trust "B" vs. Dreamland S.C.; Young Rovers vs. Dockyard "B". Juvenile S.C. vs. G.I.P. Rly. "C"; Mahim Gymkhana vs. Lucky Stars; O.C.S. vs. Parel Sports; Kurla Spartans vs. R.I.A.F.

Lower Half: Brothers H. C. vs. Firestone; St. Xavier's "D" vs. Indian Tools; B.B. and C.I. Rly. "C" vs. Ordnance XI; Khar Selected vs. Goan Sports "B"; Khatau's vs. St. Xavier's "E"; Blue Wizard's "A" vs. Mazagaon Inst.; National Sports vs. Little Flower H.S.; B.S.N. vs. Mazagaon Docks "A".

### 27 NATIONS' CHALLENGE FOR DAVIS CUP

NEW YORK, 2. (PTI-Reuter):—Twenty-seven nations have challenged for this year's Davis Cup entries for which have now closed. The challengers are:

European Zone:— Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and Yugoslavia.

North American Zone— Australia, Canada, Cuba and Mexico.

Under the revised rules the draw must be made by Feb. 10. An announcement is expected from the United States Lawn Tennis Association tomorrow on the date and place of the draw, which for the past two years has been made in Washington.

### Davis Cup Draw To Be Made By Mr. Lie

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter):

The draw for the 1949 Davis Cup competition will be made next Tuesday in the United Nations building here by Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations.

Twenty-seven nations have challenged the United States, holders of the trophy.

### Parel Hockey

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following is the result of the match played at Parel:

Senior Division: Catholic Gymkhana 5, (D'Mello 3 and Leon D'Souza 2) Bombay City 2 (Edwards and Gardner).

## BOMBAY XI PREVAIL

### Festival Hockey Tournament

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A Bombay XI beat the Combined Railways by the two goals to nil in the Festival Hockey Tournament this evening. A game devoid of much enthusiasm is what the crowd had to put up with.

After a period of up and down play in which both defences played a zealous part the Bombay XI dominated play and Regie Rodriques, playing up field dribbled passed the Railway defence but Donnelly in goal rushed and cleared dangerously. A minute later Coutinho intercepting a pass from the right fumbled and shot wide. A grand pass from left outer Coutinno went right across goalmouth without anyone making an attempt to score. Transferring play the Railwaymen made a good move and Munir should have scored with a first timer off a pass from Mullens but Lobo in goal coolly effected a grand save when Munir was only a yard away from him. A few minutes later Munir dribbled past the entire Bombay defence past the ball to Aston, who shot wide with even the goalie outside his charge.

Woodcock made a grand effort to score when from the edge of the circle he hit into goal but Donnelly effected a good save. The score board was blank at the end of the first half.

Bombay were dominating play after the breather and Woodcock receiving a good through pass ran through but pushed out. A few seconds late a sensational goal gave Bombay the opening goal which F. Coutinho shot, the ball hit the post touched the back of the goalies pad and slowly turned into goal. The crowd was keenly watching with expectant look what turned out to be the best goal of the match. Railways were trying to get the equalizer and forced a penalty corner but without result. The Bombay XI would have scored a second goal when C Braganza shot but Donnelly saved well. A few minutes later Bombay went ahead to consolidate their position when Gentle scored off a penalty corner, the ball going off a defenders stick. Both the Railway and Bombay had scoring chances but their goolies were too good and saved well. Owen Ferreira, Middlecoat, and Woodcock played their usual games, for the Bombay side, while Munir, Mulla and Donnelly played well for the opponents.

THE TEAMS:- Bombay XI: A Lobo; O. Ferreia, Gentle; Perumal, Middlecoat, Poonawalla; Premnath, Woodcock, Reggie Rodriques, Braganza, Coutinho.

Combined Railways XI: Donnelly; R. Ali, Ismail; Agre, Mulla, Pavey; Mullens, A. Pereira, Bocarro, Munir and G. Fernandes.

Referees: Xelio and Ayres Francis.

The teams selected for today's game in the Festival tournament are as follows:—

REST: Brown; Carvalho, P. Fernandes, H. D'Souza, Amir Kumar, (Capt.); R. Fernandes, Braganza, J. Vaz, I. Abraham, K. Le Febour, McMurray, John D'Souza, Beasley, H. Abraham.

GOA XI: Leo Pinto, Capt. Diego Walter D'Souza, George Periera, Tony Vaz, Maxie Vaz, J. Dhullo, Gomes, Lenny D'Souza, Tony Braganza, Lawrie Fernandes, F. Correia F. Gama.

## BARODA-PATIALA RANJI TROPHY MATCH

BARODA, Feb. 3, A.P.I.): The Ranji Trophy match between Baroda Cricket Association and Patiala Cricket Association will be held at the Maharaja Polo Ground, Baroda from February 12 onwards. Captain Amarnath is expected to lead the Patiala team. Capt. R. B. Nimbalkar will lead the local team.

# New Zealand Cricket Team To England

**LONDON, Feb. 2 (PTI-Reuter).—New Zealand cricket selectors have blended youth with experience in a well-planned side to tour England this summer.**

**The experience is provided by W. A. V. Hadlee and W. M. Wallace, Captain and Vice Captain respectively. Jack Cowie, still one of the best fast medium bowlers in New Zealand, and Martin Donnelly, ranked as one of the best left-handed batsman in the world. These four toured England with the last team in 1937.**

Cowie, at 36, is the oldest member of the side, and J. Reid Willington, 20-year-old batsman, is the youngest. The average age of the team is a fraction under 30.

The team is sound in all departments, without possessing any brilliance except for the batting of Donnelly, the Oxford blue, Warwickshire and New Zealand test player.

Criticisms that the bowling was weak were answered by Mr. D. E. Wanklyn, Chairman of the New Zealand Cricket Council, who said the bowling was merely overshadowed by the great batting strength.

Actually the team, which should be able to extend good English county sides, possesses varied spin bowling of the type which may prove successful on English wickets.

C. Burke and T. Burtt, respectively right and left arm slow, G. Cresswell, right arm slow-to-medium, and G. Rabone, right arm spinner provide a strength and varieties of bowling which was not thought to be available two months ago.

The selection of Cresswell and J. Hayes, Auckland's 22-year-old fast-medium bowler, added a dramatic touch to the final stages of the exhaustive series of trial matches which unearthed them.

Cresswell, a county player, had not appeared in first class cricket before being chosen for one of the earlier minor trials.

Appendicitis kept Hayes out of the Inter-Province Plunket Shield Games and other trial matches. He gained his place on the strength of his six wickets for 105 runs in the final trial.

Rabone, a good all-rounder, was an unexpected last-minute's choice. He was unable to play in the trial games, but he had some good performances in Plunket Shield games.

Two players who are expected to please the English crowds are Reid and Bert Sutcliffe, bearer of a famous cricketing name. Reid, an outstanding post-war product, combines graceful stroke play sound defence and hard hitting.

Sutcliffe, a 25-year-old physical training instructor, may equal Donnelly's brilliance as a left-hander. Some critics think his stroke play is superior to Donnelly's.

Sutcliffe jumped into prominence when, in his first appearance against a first class touring side, he scored 97 and 128 in the same match for Otago against the MCC in 1947.

Playing for Auckland against Canterbury last month he scored a century in each innings and is believed to have shared in a world record by figuring in two double century opening stands in a match.

**PLAYERS SELECTED**

The team will arrive in England on April 2, and will probably have a fortnight's training at a Sussex coastal resort before beginning their tour.

The 16 players, chosen on Sunday are: W. Hadlee (Canterbury) Captain; W. Wallace, B. Sutcliffe, C. Burke, J. Cowie, J. Hayes and J. Scott, all of Auckland; J. Reid, H. Cave, F. McOney and G. Rabone, of Wellington; G. Cresswell of Marlborough; F. Smith and T. Burtt of Canterbury and M. Donnelly.

Donnelly will join the party in England.

# *PRINCE OF RAMGARH EXCELS IN DERBY TRIALS*

## *The Girl Friend And Anant Lakshmi Shape Exceedingly Well*

By Our Track Reporter

**Famous Prince of Ramgarh, the choice for this year's Derby did an excellent round the course gallop, Rickaby on his back and covered the last ten furlongs in 2 minutes 16 2/5 seconds on last Saturday and when spurted on Wednesday he moved like a winner and clocked 35 1/5 seconds for three furlongs.**

**Two maiden three-year old fillies, The Girl Friend and Anant Lakshmi have also performed like smashers.**

The following are the trials:—

OUTER TAN

BALAM (Kheem) spared three lengths from TAKE ON (Roberts) and the third horse, AAN BAAN (Damodar) was further eight lengths behind when sent in a Derby trial. The first-named lively challenger clocked 2 minutes 17 seconds for the last ten furlongs.

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The famous PRINCE OF RAMGARH (Rickaby) lowered BALAM'S trial-timing by 3/5 second when sent along with FILMINDIA (Dashrat). The latter dropped at the eight where GEORGIE (Chavan) joined him. The champion Prince looked fresh and clocked 2 minutes 16 2/5 seconds for the last ten furlongs.

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PROSPERO (A. Ahmed) outstrode YIPEE (R.B.) when covering ten furlongs in 2 minutes 20 seconds.

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NASRULLAH (Purshottam) covered seven furlongs from 10 to 3 in 1 minute 40 1/2 seconds.

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DEEPAK MAHAL (Kasbekar) recorded another winning gallop. He covered nine furlongs in 2 minutes 2 seconds.

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PAN SUPARI (Purtu) and PATENT BID (R.B.) moved at easy pace when covering nine furlongs in 2 minutes 9 1/2 seconds.

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NEW MOON (Evans) and FIND OUT (Khade) were not pressed when covering six furlongs in 1 minute 21 1/2 seconds.

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KHUNDIL (Antoo) strode freely when covering ten furlongs in 2 minutes 23 seconds

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PAPER KING (Dashrat) spared 1 1/2 lengths from BIG BLAZE (Chavan) when sent over six. The pair clocked 1 minute 20 seconds.

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ATI'S PRIDE (R.B.) did an impressive five furlongs from 10 to 5 in 1 minute 8 seconds.

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BIG BLAZE (Chavan) when sent again, trounced DUKE OF RAMGARH (Dashrat) and covered five furlongs in 1 minute 4 seconds.

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GAME BID (Aurobindo) and COURAGE (R.B.) covered the last six in 1 minute 21 1/2 seconds.

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ROYAL MANTLE (R.B.) and SPRING CHICKEN (Dar) started from the twelve. The first-named dropped on the way where RAJ DOOT (Shivaji) joined. RAJ DOOT finished a couple of lengths in front and clocked 1 minute 21 seconds for the last six furlongs. SPRING CHICKEN covered ten furlongs in 2 minutes 24 seconds.

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THE GIRL FRIEND (Aurobindo) put a speedy display over five furlongs. She timed 1 minute 5 seconds.

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MASKED PLAYER (Chavan) held BATTLING ADMIRAL (Diab) when covering ten furlongs in 2 minutes 21 seconds.

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INDEPENDENCE (Rickaby) did an excellent six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds.

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JAIWANT (Kasoekar) was in hand when covering six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds.

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MAGNOLIA (Kasbekar) disposed of DAMYANTI (Deshmukh) when covering nine furlongs in 2 minutes 5 seconds.

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RACE GRASS.

The Calcutta challenger for the Derby, HINDUSTAN ZINDABAD (Sibbritt) was sent round the course. QUICK SAND (Dar) accompanied him till midway. WET BOB (R.B.) who later kept his company was unable to keep pacing. Well in hand the Calcutta challenger clocked 2 minutes 6 seconds for the last nine furlongs. He covered the last four in 51 1/2 seconds.

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RED BAY (Rickaby) was not unduly extended when covering eight furlongs in 1 minute 49 seconds.

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SIREON (Sibbritt) and SHAHI BAG (Roberts) were in close order at the end of a mile gallop. They recorded 1 minute 43 seconds.

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PRINCESS (Rickaby) moved infront of THE CONQUEROR (Shiba) and LADY DOCTOR (Khade) when covering five furlongs in 1 minute 5 seconds.

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CRYSTAL (Dar) showed the way to COUP D'ETAT (Sibbritt) when covering six furlongs in 1 minute 18 1/2 seconds.

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KING SHERIDAN (Evans) moved at easy pace round the course. He covered the last four in 54 seconds.

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MALAKEH (Deva Singh) and ANANT LAKSHMI (Roberts) were engaged in a noteworthy five furlongs trip. The pair recorded 1 minute 3 1/2 seconds. The second-named three-year-old will be difficult to catch at her debut on Saturday.

LATEST SPURTS ON TAN-TRACK.

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AAN BAAN (Kheem) held KHUNDIL (Antoo) when covering four furlongs in 50 1/2 seconds.

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The public choice for the Derby, PRINCE OF RAMGARH (Rickaby) strode like a winner over three furlongs in 36 1/5 seconds.

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LAILA (Aurobinda) covered three furlongs in 36 seconds.

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PAPER KING (Chavan) impressed when covering three furlongs in 36 seconds.

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CHURCHILL (R.B.) was in hand when sent over three. He recorded 36½ seconds.

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DEEPAK MAHAL (Kasbekar) moved like a champion when covering three furlongs in 35 seconds.

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BALAM (Kheem) had the measure of TAKE ON (Roberts) and the third horse TOMCAT (Antoo) lay five lengths behind when sent over three. BALAM recorded 35 seconds.

HOODED TERROR (G. Chavan) covered three furlongs in 36 1/5 seconds.

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MARATHA MANDIR (Kasbekar) did an excellent three furlongs spurt in 36½ seconds.

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COURAGE (Aurobinda) moved freely when negotiating three furlongs in 36 3/5 seconds.

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RANA PRATAP (Evans) disposed of WINDSOR PARK (Jagdish) when covering three furlongs in 36 2/5 seconds.

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MAGNOLIA (Kasbekar) was in front of DAMAYANTI (Kasbekar) when sent over three. Timing 36½ seconds.

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BLUE LOTUS (Argade) and SAITA (Cunningham) moved over three furlong from 9 to 6 in 39 seconds.

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WHIRLWIND (Evans) and WHIRLPOOL (Jagdish) did an easy three furlongs spurt in 37 seconds.

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LAXMI VILAS (Khade) shaped better than MA'MASELLE (K. Hassan) when doing a noteworthy three furlongs in 35 seconds

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CHERRY BLOSSOM (Rickaby) disposed of NIGHT QUEEN (Rosario) when covering three furlongs in 36½ seconds.

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AMAN (Khade) and NEAR IMAGE (Guman) moved at 3/4 pace when covering three furlongs in 39½ seconds.

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PROSPERO (A. Ahmed) trounced YIPEE (R. B.) when covering three furlongs in 36½ seconds.

### *Acceptances*

**THE MYSORE PLATE (Div. II)**
**5 Furlongs.**

Cool and Collected 8-12, Topflight 8-12, Raj Laxmi 8-12, Kantaka 8-12, Andromeda 8-12, Mah Khurshid 8-12, Desert Law 8-12, Santenella 8-12, Armina 8-12, Desert Queen 8-12, Mimma 8-12, Honey Bunch 8-12, Mumtaz Mahal II 8-12, Cherry Blossom 8-12, Belle Amie 8-12, Why Again 8-12, Whirlwind 8-12.

**THE MYSORE PLATE—(Div. I)**
**5 Furlongs.**

Dinkie 8-12, Gwen 8-12, Rasili 8-12, Tabassum 8-12, Whirlpool 8-12, Sparkling Star 8-12, Princessa 8-12, Aafrin 8-12, The Girl Friend 8-12, Zar 8-12, Flying Miss 8-12, Anant Lakshmi 8-12, Maha Maya 8-12, Grace Darling 8-12, Janeman 8-12.

**THE BULSAR PLATE—(Div. I)**
**1 1/4 Miles.**

Valiant Prince 9-2, Manchi On 9-0, Nasrullah 9-0, Chhatrapati 8-12, Sir Galahad 8-11, Crown of Kolhapur 8-10, Golden Square 8-9, Untamed Prince 8-8, Court Dancer 8-5, Esmail Pasha 8-4, Ginger Lady 8-0, Brilliant Sunshine 7-12.

**THE BULSAR PLATE—(Div. II)**
**1 1/4 Miles.**

Manipulator 9-4, Wet Bob 9-2, Queen's Cup 9-2, Army and Navy 9-0, Amin 8-13, Pure Emerald 8-13, Toistar 8-11, Luminary 8-10, Broken Mask 8-11, Home Spun 8-10, Brioche 8-8, Bright Maid 8-0, Miss Rutty 7-6, Yipee 7-4.

**THE INDIAN DERBY**
**About 1½ Miles.**

Khundil 9-0, Take On 9-0, Baaz Bahadur 9-0, Liberty Belle 8-11, Balam 9-0, Rang Rao 9-0, Nasrullah 9-0, Aman 9-0, Crescent 9-0, Hindustan Zindabad 9-0, Prince of Ramgarh 9-0, King Sheridan 9-0, Golden Square 9-0, Masked Player 9-0, Prospero 9-0, Sprint Chicken 9-0, Rana Pratap 9-0, Flying Arrow 9-0, Cockpit Pride 9-0, Battling Admiral 9-0, Shubh Luxmi 8-11, Fitna 8-11

**THE MATHRADAS GOCULDAS CUP**
**7 Furlongs**

Deepak Mahal 10-10, Jaiwant 8-12, Coup d'Etat 9-1, Gipsy Gem 8-3, Zam Zam 8-0, Rim Jhim 7-4, Paper King 8-0, Crystal 7-13, Sister Vincent 7-7, Parting Summer 7-2, Kirti 7-4, Mubarak 7-2, Ma' maselle 7-0, Fair Haven 7-0, Mayya Devi 7-0, Raj Doot 7-0.

**THE ECLIPSE STAKES OF INDIA**
**1 1/4 Miles.**

Redbay 9-10, Shahi Bag 9-3, Sireon 9-3, Priorate 9-3, Deepak / Mahal 9-0, Laxmi Vilas 9-0.

**THE JASDAN CUP—6 Furlongs.**

Adeline 9-4, Near Image 9-4, Find Out 8-6, Maratha Mandir 9-2, Big Blaze 8-12, Churchill 8-12, Khundil 8-10, New Moon 8-10, Tomcat 8-9, Dominica 8-6, Bhopal Star 8-5, Dev Doot 8-4, Independence 8-4, Aan Baan 8-3, Pride d'Antibes 8-0, Morton Daisy 7-12, Paramount Power 7-11, Georgie 7-11, Laila 7-8

**THE J. ROBINSON PLATE—(Div. I)**
**1 Mile, 1 Furlong.**

Mandil 9-0, Pan Supari 8-13, Saita 8-12, Damyanti 8-12, Coeur d'Or 8-10, Blue Mist 8-10, Moulin Rouge 8-9 Happy Returns 8-7, Blue Lotus 8-5, Ayaaz 7-10.

**THE J. ROBINSON PLATE—(Div II)**
**1 Mile, 1 Furlong.**

Ghizala 9-2, Courage 9-2 Super Charge 8-11, Magnolia 8-11. Hooded Terror 8-9, Atomic 8-8. Lady Cleopatra 8-7, Taalaroon 8-6, D. Day 8-5. Show On 8-4, Fashion Parade 8-0, Put All 7-12, Banshee 7-12.

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*Not armies, not nations, have advanced the race, but here and there, in the course of ages, an individual has stood up and cast his shadow over the world.*

—CHAPIN

## ELUSIVE MEETING

There is a touch of comic opera about the interview between M. Stalin and Mr. Truman which both are willing to have but evades them and the world because they cannot hit upon a "mutually suitable place." And the publicity which has been given to the invitation or offer or inquiry owing to M. Stalin's using the channel of a press interview to make his feelings known, suggest that it was not a very serious proposal. If the two had really wanted to meet, they would have met long ago without worrying about the place. In the circumstances, it seems a fair inference that M. Stalin was more eager to have it known that he was willing to meet Mr. Truman than to meet him actually. The latest news that M. Stalin would have liked to visit Washington but his health does not permit a long journey either by sea or air, does not impress. M Stalin perhaps is very careful about his health but he does not compare favourably with the late President Roosevelt who did the Yalta trip without much fuss, in an ailing condition. Nor can the world forget that there are other places which should be "mutually suitable"—Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the United Nations, has offered Geneva which has an international appeal—provided the two leaders had something to confer about usefully.

Mr. Acheson, Secretary of the U. S. State Department, has disposed of the matter of the elusive conference in a masterly fashion. Those who remember the Vinson incident when President Truman sought to pursue peace through a personal envoy to M. Stalin and was dissuaded at the last moment from this course, will not attach much importance to Mr. Acheson's insistence that America will not favour a bilateral agreement on issues affecting several countries. But he certainly scored heavily when he said that the assurances which were sought in a joint U.S. and Russian declaration, already existed in the Charter of the United Nations which President Truman in his Inaugural had strongly affirmed. If the solemn engagements entered into in the past are to be ignored, what assurance is there that any new restatement of the position will be treated as sacred? Mr. Acheson's detailed answer to the propositions put forward from Moscow are a lucid rebuttal of the many insinuations implied in M. Stalin's replies. The State Secretary ended with the remark that an assurance of seriousness of purpose should go through some channel other than that of a press interview. He might have added that if the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. mean to work together for peace, they could do it without the prior holding of a personal conference between M. Stalin and Mr. Truman. This is a point that cannot be too strongly stressed. All the rest is very much beside the point. As a matter of fact, even in Mr. Acheson's seemingly categorical "no", there is room for exploration by M. Stalin. For instance, if M. Stalin came to Washington to meet Mr Truman, presumably the objection to a bilateral agreement would vanish; and, similarly, if M. Stalin invited other national leaders to Moscow, Mr. Truman would not find very great difficulty in making the trip. But the main question is, How worthwhile is such a conference? And seeing that the United Nations is there functioning as an international body, what need is there for any other procedure outside the U.N.?

So far as the rest of the world is concerned, the interest in the Stalin-Truman exchange is mainly academic. It evokes an interest no doubt—but it is an interest which is akin to some sports event. When they do meet, the ground would have been well prepared by something more serious than press interviews and it will be to confirm rather than achieve understanding. For the present, it is evident that neither side wishes to convey the impression that he is obstructing negotiations and neither desires to go out of his way to make the first effective step. It is a situation somewhat parodying that of China when the Nationalist Government and the Communists threw vague hints of willingness to negotiate but refused to get together—parodying because conditions are not quite as manifestly serious in the world as they were in China. But the playful handling of the subject suggests that should the two leaders get together by some chance, it would be the most embarrassing situation to both since there would be nothing to talk about. This is not because there are no issues but because neither seems wanting to face them squarely.

## Prison Reform

The Bombay Government's plan for prison reform and the more human treatment of prisoners is a bold experiment which will be watched with interest the world over. The modern view of crime and punishment is radically different from the sentiments prevailing not very long ago. The punitive and deterrent aspects of punishment have receded into the background: the reformative has come into prominence. And crime itself, it is recognized, is less a wicked act than a wrongly conceived course of conduct. For a good many of the offences which are liable to punishment, society has as much to answer as the individual offender. Gandhiji's message in the social sphere was to condemn the evil unreservedly while understanding the doer of it. And it is but proper that a Congress Ministry should initiate a more humane jail policy.

The principle behind the contemplated reforms is to help the unfortunate ones who have erred, to a better and fuller life and at the same time protect them from temptation to slip back into anti-social ways As far as possible, they are to be allowed, once their behaviour has been approved by the jail authorities, to live a life of comprehensive freedom, unmolested by any reminders of their condition and as it were on trust for good conduct. Particularly sensible is the proposal to permit them the company of their families. The proposals open up a new life to the condemned who need no longer resign themselves to a hopeless existence—particularly those who are under sentences of long terms The system of "furloughs" which, it is said, has been tried out, prisoners serving long sentences being allowed out for a brief ten days or fortnight—has, according to all accounts, proved quite a success. It is significant that here, where social responsibilities have to be discharged solely by the Government without any outside agencies coming in between, a splendid job of work is being accomplished. It is a matter of the gravest concern to the community how the prisoner is treated. And it is of the utmost importance that every care should be taken to change him from a threat to the peace-loving citizen into a useful member of the community. All the benefits proposed are made contingent on good conduct—that is, the prisoner's ability to adjust himself to his surroundings; at the same time, the amenities enumerated show that every care is taken to make the deprivations and compulsions of prison life as little irksome as possible. It is an all-sided move to improve prison conditions which will confer lasting benefits on the general community as a whole.

## TETE-A-TETE

### WITHOUT COMMENT.

BRISBANE, Feb. 2.

Terpikee Binn Hassan, a Malayan, has been ordered by the Immigration Department to leave Australia by the first available ship. The Queensland Trades and Labour Council protested to Immigration Minister Arthur Calwell, who replied that Hassan must leave by the first ship or be deported. The Council said Hassan came to Australia in 1920, joined the Australian Army in 1942 and received an honourable discharge after serving in and outside Australia.—PTI.-Reuter.

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Khwaja Nazimuddin, the Governor-General of Pakistan, assures his minorities that "Pakistan is as much their country as that of the Muslims. All that is required is mental adjustment to.....".

By the majority, yes.

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Replying to Pandit Nehru's suggestion that the Durban Commission should inquire into the basic cause of the riot etc., Dr. Malan has promised that he would place at the disposal of the Secretary to the Indian High Commissioner all the available information.

"All" the information? Or perhaps he means all the information that need be made available.

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M. Stalin has offered to meet President Truman in Moscow, Kaliningrad, Odessa or Yalta in the Soviet Union or alternatively in Poland or Czecho-Slovakia.

That is to say, he wants Truman behind the Iron Curtain.

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A number of countries and statesmen have been offering hospitality to the two World Leaders. And, of course, the invitation of M. Queuille, the French Premier, easily leads the rest.

"Marshal Stalin" argues M. Queuille with that analytical clarity, for which the French are well-known, "says his doctors forbid a long journey. Perhaps Mr. Truman will find that his own health does not permit a voyage to Eastern Europe." We heartily applaud M. Queuille.

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But all these invitations have now become irrelevant for obvious reasons. Hope, however, need not be given up yet about a Stalin-Truman meeting.

It has just occurred to us that there does exist a mutually acceptable venue along, of course, with a mutually acceptable host. We mean Tel-Aviv, the capital of Israel.

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Rejecting an M. P's criticism of permission to Dutch airlines to use the island of Mauritius, Mr. Ernest Bevin said solemnly. "I must point out that international agreements are international agreements".

Unless, of course, they are inconvenient or unsuitable.

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A Netherlands Government statement issued today, said foreign press reports about "radical changes in Dutch policy in Indonesia" are untrue.—Reuter.

Quite so, quite so. We never thought they were or could be true.

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The statement adds that there has never been any question of the Netherlands Government conducting "a policy of passive resistance to the Security Council".

The Netherlands Government would always prefer a policy of active sabotage.

## PAKISTAN BID TO WIN KASHMIR PLEBISCITE

### Karachi City Muslim League On Propaganda Tour In 'Azad' Areas

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, (By Air Mail): An all-out effort to win the Kashmir plebiscite in its favour is stated being made by Pakistan, though unofficially.

Propaganda parties are being sent out to the Azad Kashmir area to propagate the same age-old cry of Islam in Danger' and therefore repetition of what had taken place in N.W.F.P. prior to the plebiscite can easily be expected here. Besides others, a delegation of the Karachi City Muslim League has also left for Azad Kashmir on the pretext of delivering personally woollen clothes and other articles collected here for Kashmir Relief Fund and will tour the Azad Kashmir territory "in response to an invitation from Sardar Muhammed Ibrahim, President of the Azad Kashmir Government".

In addition to this propaganda parties, open appeals have been issued to the original residents of Jammu and Kashmir State, who have taken shelter in Pakistan, "to get themselves registered at the offices of the Muslim Conference in various cities in order to facilitate the work of the Azad Kashmir Government in connection with the ensuing plebiscite".

**RESETTLING REFUGEES IN SIND**

Much resentment seems to be prevailing amongst the Sindhi Muslims in the interior over the policy of the officials to rehabilitate refugees over the head of Sindhis, ignoring even their legitimate claims.

Instances are coming to light almost daily when Sindhi Haris (Kisans) have been deprived of the agricultural lands they had legally acquired from migrating Hindus on rent, lease or otherwise and such lands being handed over to refugees from Punjab. Even the quotas of sugar, cloth and similar necessities of life have been granted to refugees by depriving the Sindhi Muslims. Vernacular newspapers of Sind are naturally at wrath with the Government on account of such a policy which they rightly say tends to increased bitterness amongst the two sections of Muslims.

A Sind Government press note issued recently on the question of refugee rehabilitation also admits that "almost all the agricultural lands abandoned by Hindus in Sind have been allotted to refugees. Besides the lands, the agricultural class has been provided with a pair of bullocks and in addition a monthly cash allowance of Rs. 25 till they are settled. Merchants amongst the lot have been allotted shops while labourers provided with jobs in the Public Works Department".

Thus, over six and a quarter lakh of refugees have been settled in Sind uptil now, concludes the press note.

**SHARIAT LAWS TO STOP LAWLESSNESS**

Haji Ali Mohomed Mari, a member of the Sind Legislative Assembly has proposed a Bill for the next session of the Assembly to recommend to the Pakistan Government to abolish or amend the present system of penalising the culprits and instead introduce the system under Shariat Laws by which hands of a thief are cut etc.

Mir Bandehali Khan Talpur, an ex-Premier of Sind, has also proposed a similar Bill saying that this will be the only effective way of checking the increased lawlessness in the province since murders, dacoities and looting are the order of the day at present.

**CONVERSION OF HINDUS IN PAKISTAN**

Occasional instances of conversion of Hindus in Pakistan are coming to light. Besides the sporadic instances of some Hindus Viroo and Karmoo becoming Sheikh Noor Mohomed and Sheikh Din Mohomed in Matiari, and Metharam, Gopal and his wife Vasandi becoming Sheikh Mohomed Anwar, Sheikh Mohomed Taib and Begum Saran in Sukkur, news are received of the wholesale conversion of nearly 300 families of Bhils, Oads and other Harijans in a village near Thul.

Some other previous instances in this connection are from Khairpur State where two families of Narumal and Dharamdas of the village Saodero and one family of Mirchomal in Matiari having been forcibly converted to Islam.

**SIND TO BE FERTILE PROVINCE**

With a view to bring under cultivation about 20 lakh more acres of land, the Government of Sind have started the construction of another Barrage over River Indus in Lower Sind.

This new Barrage will cost about Rs. 23 crores and with its completion Sind will become the most fertile province in whole of Pakistan.

**RESTRICTION ON PERSONS LEAVING PAKISTAN**

Besides the usual permit, a certificate saying that "no Income-tax is due from him" will also be necessary for any person leaving Pakistan permanantly from 16th February 1949 onwards.

Since most of the Hindus who wished to migrate have already left for India, this new amendment to the Income-tax Act will tend to check the flow of Muslims who are said to be returning in appreciable numbers to India without paying or settling their income-tax dues.

### Refugee Deputation To See Pandit Nehru

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (API)—A deputation on behalf of refugees of the Indian Union will shortly wait on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, and will appraise him of their grievances with regard to the recent Karachi agreement, with particular reference to the transfer of evacuee property.

The deputation, which will be led by Dr. Choithram Gidwani, has drafted various suggestions to be placed before the Prime Minister.

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

### Mr. Bevin's "Obligations"

It was perhaps easy for Mr. Ernest Bevin to declare self-righteously in the Commons that "international agreements are international agreements". He was explaining his rejection of the plea that he should bar Dutch airlines from using the island of Mauritius while they are denied transit across India and Pakistan on the route to Indonesia. He argued that he was bound by the Chicago convention but that he had secured an undertaking from the Netherlands Government that no military personnel, arms or warlike stores will be carried by aircraft using that route. What he ignores is that the Dutch have resorted to aggression in Indonesia. In fact, this aggression has been virtually accepted by the Security Council as proved. To assist Dutch air communications with Indonesia is to assist the aggressor in the aggression which is under way. Does the Chicago convention oblige Mr. Ernest Bevin to assist agression? Or perhaps Mr. Bevin does not recognise Dutch action as aggression despite the United Nations and the Security Council. And "international agreements are international agreements" need not apply to international obligations that prejudice Dutch imperialism.

### What Next?

The Security Council has asked the United Nations Commission in Indonesia to find out what the Dutch propose to do about the resolution that was recently passed. The Dutch answer is already there. A Government statement issued from the Hague has flatly denied reports about "radical changes in Dutch policy in Indonesia." That means that the Dutch will go on unaffected by the Security Council resolution. True, the Netherlands Government says there has never been any question of conducting "a policy of passive resistance" to the Council's resolution. But it must be recalled that the Dutch representative at Lake Success had plainly declared that the Security Council's resolution was impracticable and unworkable. There are other ways of defeating the resolution than formal "passive resistance". The Security Council is not quite unaware of the possibilities. And its commission, which is on the spot and is expected to possess a full knowledge of the situation, is almost certain of Dutch opposition when it emphasises in its note to them that "it would be failing in its duty if it did not press for compliance with the resolution". The Security Council, while certainly waiting for official reaction by the Dutch, should now also begin seriously to consider the answer to the question: What if or rather when the Dutch fail to comply?

### Pakistan Asks

The "Statesman" correspondent wires from Karachi that the Pakistan Government has asked the South African Government for early information regarding the cause of the recent Durban riots and the losses and casualties sustained by Muslims in general and Pakistanis in particular. It is not surprising that there has been no reply. The majority of the Muslims in South Africa hail from Surat, or at any rate their forefathers did. They are Indian citizens although the glamour of Pakistan does attract many of them. Unlike the Indian Muslim in India who has realized that his first loyalty and last is to the land in which he resides, the Indian Muslim abroad tends to cherish certain illusions regarding Pakistan, for which there is no means of disillusionment. On the other hand, those who are really entitled to the name "Pakistani" are merchants from Sind, particularly Shikarpur, who have for long done a busy trade abroad; and they are generally Hindus. The partition of India has created a great deal of confusion among Indian communities overseas and it would be a wise policy if, for some time to come, the two Dominions arrived at some arrangement by which they could act together in the common interest of Indians outside India. Because the country has been divided, it is no reason why nationals of both the Dominions should suffer. The Pakistan Government's inquiry is confusing with its "Muslims in general and Pakistanis in particular" and mischievous.

### Superfluous

The Working Committee of the Union Muslim League has called upon all Indian Muslims to continue supporting the Union Government. The occasion for this direction is not clear. There has been striking evidence that the Muslim League has ceased to count with Union Muslims after the partition, and every day the public has expected to hear news that it has dissolved itself. This obviously is the best service that it could render to the Union in general and the Muslim Community in particular. The Working Committee has thought fit to make a belated reference to Kashmir, welcoming the "cease-fire". It is surprising that hitherto it had not devoted any attention to this problem and had failed to give the lead which it could have done and at the same time declared itself. But its much-delayed "leads" which generally come when everyone else has made up his mind, the League is proving itself an unnecessary fifth-wheel to the coach. It is time that this kind of political buffoonery was given up.

### Objectivity in News

Lord Eustace Percy, Vice-Chancellor of Durham University, recently called attention to deterioration in the British Press. He remarked that there was probably more infection of news by editorial policy in the national newspapers of Britain than there was in the United States, "which is sometimes regarded as the home of the very slickest and unprincipled publicity methods." The tradition of maintaining the news columns as one thing and the editorial columns as another, he observed, the tradition of the provincial press, had been better preserved in the United States than in Britain. Lord Eustace just mentioned the result of his observation and did not follow it up. It cannot but strike his public that in politics, the sphere where one seeks more than elsewhere to influence opinion, the American press is regarded as out of touch with public opinion whilst there is a closer relation between the British Press and the British public On the other hand, there is also apparently a greater gap between the Press and the Government in the United States of America than there is in Britain. In the circumstances, it is obvious that without "objectivity" in news presentation a condition would soon arise in which the government would be forced to put out its own newspapers. It would be wrong to infer that American newspapers have less interest in politics than the press in Britain.

## OUR READERS VIEWS

### The Fifth Test

Sir—The fourth test match at Madras has ended in a grand victory for the West Indies. The West Indies, who are one up in the series, have no doubt excelled in all the departments of the game. The only thing left for Amarnath and his men to equal up the Rubber is to win the fifth and the final test at any cost. India should go all out for the victory. As far as Indian side is concerned, no effort should be made to take the match in a draw as was done in Calcutta. Even if in forcing a victory over the West Indies India is defeated, there is no harm as it makes very little difference whether the West Indies are one up or two up. All this requires excellent fielding. Of course, much will depend upon the spin of the coin. Let us hope that Amarnath will win the toss this time.— Yours etc.

D. D. MALSE.

### Hindustani

Sir— Advocates of Hindi have launched a campaign against Hindustani, with no less than crusader's zeal, prominent among them, being some Congress leaders. One of their stock-arguments is that Hindustani is not a language. This does not clarify their position. It adds to the confusion already prevalent in the public mind; for none else, but the Congress and Congressmen alone are responsible for introducing Hindustani in various provinces. What was it then, that they honoured, advocated and stood by for about a quarter a centuary? When did it dawn upon them that Hindustani was an illusion, and Hindi a realty?—Yours etc.,—

G. P. NENE
Org. Secretary
Maharashtra Rashtra Bhasha Sabha

### "Residential Quarters"

Sir,—The shortage of housing accommodation particularly in the city residential quarters during recent times is accentuated by traders and businessmen having usurped residential tenements. This infiltration came into being mainly during the exodus period caused by fears of a Japanese attack. What used to be, prior to the period, healthy dwelling-houses of the common man, have now been turned into unhealthy and unsightly spots by the trading interests.

The Municipal Health Department also appears to shut its eyes on these eye-sores which have becomee a breeding ground of mosquitoes, rats and other pests, where once healthy conditions prevailed.

Will the powers-that-be turn their attention suitably to ameliorate the condition of the houseless in the city and suburbs by restoring residential quarters (now being utilized for commercial purposes in contravention of Government's Ordinance) to the previous rightful tenants.—Yours etc.,

"HOMELESS"

### Railway Fares

Sir,—The Railway authorities have indeed committed a colossal blunder by doing away with 2nd Class in Suburban trains thereby have increased terrible congestion in third class. From the time of abolition of 2nd Class the public that used to travel by it now travel by third Class. Middle Class Public could very well afford 2nd Class in Suburban trains but since the abolition of 2nd Class they cannot afford first class.

The Railway authorities have made a bad bargain by losing 2nd Class passengers who now travel by third and have decreased the first class fare thereby benefiting only first class public which could be counted on fingers.

Railway authorities should now do away with the new system and restore the old one along with some more second and third class compartments.

Yours, etc.,

LEKHRAJ A. MAHTANI
Roshan Mahal, Colaba.
31-1-1949.

### Problems Of Assessees

Sir,—I have to request you to permit me to ventilate through your journal some serious grievances of Income Tax assessees.

Concrete instances can be cited at least in the Bombay mofussil in which, despite returns of income having been sent in regularly every year, assessments are accumulated for three and four years at a time and a huge amount assessed for the whole period and a Demand Notice sent for its payment all at once in a lump sum within about a month's time. As can be readily appreciated this is a great hardship on the average assessee and little short of harassment as a person of limited means finds it almost impossible to pay the whole amount at once and is perforce compelled to resort to borrowing at heavy rates of interest to be able to pay the tax.

Appeals preferred against erroneous assessments take months to be heard and often over a year or more to be finally disposed off. Meanwhile the poor assessee is not only kept in suspense but has to continue meeting heavy interest charges on the debt he has incurred for the payment of an unfair assessment which may or may not be rectified finally.

I can give instances in which refunds claimed on company dividends by persons of very moderate means, are held up for months and months on end for no reason at all. In all fairness, is there any reason why the Government which imposes heavy penalties on delayed payment of taxes should not itself pay interest on refunds of taxes paid at source on dividends or of large assessments unjustly rectified, if these are delayed beyond a fixed period? In the computation of assessments, credit is given for income tax paid at source on company dividends but no such credit is given in arriving at the figure of Super Tax for the Super Tax or Corporation Tax paid by joint stock companies. This in effect means that Super Tax is charged "twice" on dividends. In justice to shareholders is it not about time the law is amended on this point to enable credit being given also for the payment of Super Tax or Corporation Tax paid at source?—Yours etc.,

T. P. DAVER.

## MOTHER KILLS 4 CHILDREN AND COMMITS SUICIDE

### Inquest Jury's Decision On Indian Woman's Crime

LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): A 30 year-old Indian woman, Mrs. Alma Beck, murdered her four children and committed suicide "while the state of mind was disturbed", an Inquest Jury decided at Epsom, Surrey today.

Mrs. Beck and her children, all under five years of age, were found last Monday when neighbours called the police after noticing that milk bottles had not been taken from the doorstep of their home and well, near Epsom.

Sergeant Laurence Beck, a regular soldier in the Royal Engineers, said he married the woman when she was a nurse in India in 1943. They came to Britain in 1946 because of the ill-health of his son Peter.

A police sergeant said blankets were suspended over a double bed in the centre of the bedroom and pinned together in the form a tent. A gas poker was inside the blanket in the bed, where the bodies of the woman and three children lay. A fourth appeared to have struggled and fallen from the bed. The door of the room was sealed with surgical tape.

At the head of the bed was a bible and on a mantlepiece were two notes, one addressed to the coroner and the other to her husband, the sergeant said.

### Permits To Proceed To Pakistan

BOMBAY, Feb. 3 (API)—A press note issued by the permit office of Pakistan's High Commissioner in India says:

With immediate effect, persons claiming to be Pathans, Baluchis and other residents of the N.W.F. P. (Pakistan) will be required to produce either of the following two certificates before permits to proceed to Pakistan are issued to them:—

(a) Certificates of Registration of Foreigners under the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1932, form A from the local police authority.

(b)) Certificates of domicile from the District Magistrates of their home districts to show that the applicants are 'bona fide' residents of such districts in Pakistan.

MADRAS, Feb. 3 (API): An intensive B.C.G. inoculation campaign against tuberculosis will be inaugurated in Madras city by the middle of this month, it is officially learnt.

## OPEN AIR

The Gliricidia is, as a rule, one of our earliest flowering trees, and we expect to find its first flowers, on leafless branches, at the end of January or early in February. This year, however, up till now my trees show no sign of flowering, though they have put out their heavy crop of new foliage to take the place of that destroyed by the storm. The Gliricidia was introduced into Bombay only as late as 1916, and came originally from South America and the West Indies, where it is used as a shade tree for the plantations of Cacao. Here it is grown only as an ornamental tree, and very beautiful it is when in flower, for every branch is covered for almost its whole length by sprays of pinkish-mauve, pea-like flowers growing in dense clusters. These flowers give place to flat pods which continue to grow among the thick young foliage which appears at the end of the flowering season The trees grow very easily from seed and flower when only four or five years old.

D. R.

# 'Grow-More-Food Drive' Under Consembly Fire

## JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM REPLIES TO CRITICS

## Complaint Of Poor Procurement: Debate To Continue

**NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (API)—The Dominion Parliament today debated the food situation in the country.**

**The discussion arose out of a non-official resolution by Dr. Man Mohan Das during the appointment of a committee to enquire into the reasons leading to the failure of the grow-more-food campaign and recommended measures for improving it.**

**The debate will be continued tomorrow.**

### *Proceedings In Detail*

After the question hour Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhury, moved a non-official resolution in Parliament today, urging that a census of the population figures of Assam, West Bengal and East Punjab be taken community-wise so as to determine the number of seats to be allotted to each of these Provinces and for the delimitation of constituencies.

The resolution was withdrawn after the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel assured Mr. Chaudhry and other members from these Provinces that the Central Government was most anxious to ensure that the distribution of constituencies and of the seats between the General and Reserved categories for the next general elections proceeded on a sound and satistical basis.

Instructions were sometime ago issued to the Provincial Governments, as the members were aware, to prepare electoral rolls for the general elections. In some of the provinces these rolls had been completed.

On an examination of these rolls, Government had found that the adult population as brought on the electoral rolls was about fifty percent of the population as registered in the 1941 census. On this basis, they could compute the percentage of the various communities for the total population or apply reservation on the basis of the proportion in the electoral rolls.

This was one way of meeting the situation.

There were, of course, various alternatives also One such was the suggestion contained in the resolution that a census should be taken in these provinces.

In all the three Provinces if they asked the administration now to turn their attention to census, it might easily take them very easily nearer to 1951, when the normal census was due.

He would threfore urge the House to reject the suggestion for a census as impracticable.

Earlier, moving his resoluton, Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhry recalled the assurance given by Dr. Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly that he would advise Government to initiate action for finding out the community-wise population of the partitioned Provinces, before the general elections and said his resolution merely widened the scope of this action to Assam also The type of census he was suggesting need not take much time. It need not go into details. It need merely to find out only the population of the respective communities.

Before Mr. Chaudhry withdrew his resolution, Mr Deshbandhu Gupta pointed out that the population in Delhi had also increased very much due to the influx of the refugees and urged that the Deputy Prime Minister should keep this in mind.

Mr. Sidhwa suggested that the four and half lakhs of Sind refugees, who, unlike the Punjabis or Bengalis, had no home at all should also be taken into account.

The Deputy Prime Minister, amidst laugher, pointed out there was no Province of Sind any more in India, although he had great sympathy with the suggestion of Mr. Sidhwa.

#### GROW-MORE-FOOD DRIVE

Dr. Man Mohan Das next moved a resolution suggesting that Government should appoint a Committee to investigate the reasons leading to the failure of the "Grow More Food" campaign to ascertain the defects in the organisation for planning and executing the programme of increasing food production, to make recommendations for improvement on the organisations and to outline an immediate programme.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa moved another resolution suggesting that hotels, restaurants, messes and public boarding houses, catering non-vegetarian food should be prevented from serving rice to occupants, guests and visitors.

Dr. Das said that if they wanted to increase food production they must find out some means by which they could reduce the grievances of the poor agriculturists.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, who suggested that rice should not be supplied in non-vegetarian restaurants and hotels, estimated that if they adopted this course, they could save at least two and half lakhs tons of rice every year which could be given to people who had nothing but rice to eat.

#### SIDHWA'S POSER

Mr. Sidhwa criticised the "complicated and voluminous" reports and figures provided to members, when they asked for information and said: "What we want to know is during the last eighteen months how large an area has been cultivated, which was not cultivated before how much of virgin soil has been brought under cultivation"?

"Let us have a periodical statement on this so that we may satisfy ourselves that some substantial work is being carried out by this Ministry, in conjunction with the Provincial Governments. We would then also be able to know who was failing to carry out the instructions of the Central Government."

He was not criticising the Ministry for criticisms sake but merely discharging his duty to the public. He hoped the Minister would take it in this spirit.

Apart from the short-term policy, Government must also cease to import foodgrains by 1950 to 1951, as part of their long-term policy. The Provincial Governments must be told definitely that after 1950 or 1951 they would get no imported food. There was no drive in this matter and no enthusiasm. Why could not the officers, who during the war, had produced non-available things in the mere twinkling of the eye, show some enthusiasm and get more food produced? Why should they let so much of the country's wealth be grained for food imports?

#### BHARGAVA MOVES AMENDMENT

Pt. Thakurdas Bhargava moved an amendment to Mr. Man Mohan Das's resolution, suggesting that Government should take steps to bring home to every cultivator and land-owner that it was his patriotic duty of topmost priority to increase the production of foodgrains and to grow food crops instead of other crops.

Mr. Bhargava's amendment also suggested that:—

**It should be brought home to every Provincial Government that it was their duty to provide food for the inhabitants of the Province under their charge; that fair prices must be fixed for foodstuffs to provide good incentive to the producer; that the producer must be enabled to get his requirments at a fair price; that the Provincial Governments should adopt a certain and definite policy in regard to Zamindars and tenures of land so that the incentive to keep lands uncultivated might be eliminated; that means must be provided for breaking of waste lands; that water facilities for irrigation must be provided by opening new canals, wells, tube-wells and bunds; and that good and cheap manures, fertilisers, cattle, seeds and implements of cultivation including improved ploughs and tractors should be provided.**

#### OTHER AMENDMENTS

Other amendments to the resolution were moved by Mr. Rohini Kumarr Chaudhury and Mr. Basant Kumar Das.

#### JAIRAMDAS ON FOODGRAINS POSITION

The Food Minister Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram speaking on the resolution urged the members to have a proper appreciation of the difficult food situation in the country. The difficulty would persist so long as it was not tackled in a big way. They must be prepared to spend more money for the improvement of agriculture and large scale irrigation schemes must be completed before there could be any easing of the situation. An increase in the import of food grains which many members had criticised, was inherent in the present situation unless, of course, the provincial governments tightened up their procurement. Last year Government imported roughly three mullion tons. They were then following the policy of progressive decontrol and thus the need for further imports had diminished. With the reimposition of control they had to import more because the state had undertaken the responsibility to feed those covered by rationing. Six months ago, Government were supplying food grains to three crores of people, today directly or indirectly they were supplying to seven crores of people and by the end of this year, Government must take the responsibility of supplying some 14 crores of people. Added to this was an increase in the population of roughly 80 lakhs during the past two years.

Another factor to be considered was the growing urbanisation which increased the responsibility of the Government to supply to more people.

#### PROCUREMENT FIGURES

The Food Minister gave the following figures of Provincial Procurement: **Madras 28.8 per cent; Bengal 14.9 per cent. Bombay 6.5 per cent, C. P. 8.7 per cent. Assam 15 per cent. Orissa 6.4 per cent. U. P. 4.8 per cent. Bihar 2.6 per cent.**

**It would be seen from the figures that if rationing was to be a success and imports reduced, it could be possible only if there was greater uniformity of sacrifice and a much larger proportion of procurement.**

#### REPLY TO CRITICISMS

The Food Minister proceeded to reply to criticisms against the progress of the grow-more-food campaign. He said that this campaign was a very small endeavour compared to the needs and the total area under cultivation now.

The Food Grains Policy Committee recommended the grow-more-food campaign for the production of nine lakhs tons of food grains. They had produced nearly seven lakhs of tons and the amount spent on the campaign was only about five crores.

This was achieved in spite of great difficulties. Fertilisers were required and for this they had to go to the International Food Council. India was allotted 53 per cent of what she had asked for, which included locally available articles and the total net quantity received was only about one third of our indent. Steel was required for ploughs. Only 40 per cent of our demand was met. Eight hundred wagons were promised to one major Province for the transport of materials for digging 6,000 wells, but they were supplied with only ten wagons. Despite such odds, seven lakhs of tons of more food was produced. Unless the bigger irrigation schemes were executed and the country was put on a more dependable source of water supply and the acreage under cultivation increased greatly to meet the growing population, the present position would continue.

#### NEED OF REVISION OF POLICY

Mr. Jairamdas went on to say that it appeared they were diverting more money, man-power and technical skill on directions other than agriculture. They must revise their policy. Today only .8 per cent of the budget was spent on agriculture. They must give top priority to agricultural schemes and plan and spend more money.

Referring to Mr. Sidhwa's resolution, which wanted to restrict the use of rice and possibly wheat also in hotels where non-vegetarian food was sold, the Food Minister said that the suggestion might be considered in respect of a selected class of hotels, but it could not be given effect to on a large scale.

#### CHECKING PILFERING

On the question of pilfering of foodgrains during transit or in ports Mr. Jairamdas said that sterner measures had now been taken. In respect of imports from the west, it was now made a condition in the contract that all the bags should be re-weighed. But in so far as imports from Burma were concerned there were some difficulties, However, Government were examining the matter.

#### GO AHEAD WITH IRRIGATION SCHEMES

Prof. N. G. Ranga said that the country had too much depended upon rain-fed cultivation, which had become undependable. Such conditions were present in large areas of the country. The irrigated areas were lost to them by the division of the country and the irrigation projects in other areas had not been developed. The Government should go ahead with every possible irrigational scheme that could be developed within the next ten or fifteen years.

Government should start an Agricultural Finance Corporation and advance credit to peasants for the production of particular crops and induce them to take to those crops. No such step had been taken in this direction. Provinces like Bihar and the United Provinces should be induced to procure more and more of their food.

#### PLEA FOR CO-OP. FARMING

Mrs. Renuka Roy said that the food situation in the country was extremely bad and it was essential that Government should give prior consideration to agricultural production.

She suggested that Government must enact legislation to introduce co-operative methods of farming. There should also be a separate Department in the Centre and in the Provinces to deal with reclamation of land.

Mr. Biswanath Das said that it was no joke to spend Rs. 150 crores on food imports. Stressing the need for co-ordination between the Ministries of Agriculture Industries, Finance and Transport, Mr. Biswanath Das pointed out that unless this was achieved in full measure, they would not be able to meet the requirements of the agriculturists, which alone would ensure more food production.

#### BRITAIN'S EXAMPLE

Mr. Das also recalled how by spending only Rs. 100 crores during the last few years, Britain was today producing 50 per cent more food than she used to produce. Could they not do the same in India also? Why should they spend Rs. 150 crores every year on food imports?, he asked.

#### ELIMINATE BLACKMARKET

Mr. Das also pleaded for direct relationship between the producer and the Government. The blackmarketeer and the middleman must be eliminated.

#### 'GROW MORE FOOD SECRETARIES'

Sardar Bhupendra Singh Man, expressing dissatisfaction over the ways and means adopted by the Government to intensify the "grow more food campaign" stated that the first step the Agriculture Ministry had taken to implement the scheme was to 'grow more food secretaries'.

He suggested that to yield good results out of the "grow more food" scheme, it was essential that loans should be advanced to agriculturists for purchasing tractors and other requirements and for that purpose a loan advancing corporation should be set up like the relief and rehabilitation corporation.

Chaudhri Ranbir Singh said that Government should devise ways and means to induce the peasant to produce more. Until and unless the hardships of the peasants were removed and they were made to realise that they were heading towards happiness, it was not possible for the Government to make them produce more.

He emphasised that Government should give priority to irrigation-projects and other methods for improving the food situation.

Mr. Thirumal Rao, urged co-ordination between the various Ministries concerned to ensure that the agriculturist got what he wanted by way of implements at controlled prices. He criticised the grow more food campaign being confined to the cities. The Government must also encourage large-scale co-operative farming.

The House adjourned at this stage. In view of the desire expressed by the members not to lose trend of the debate, it was decided that debate on the food problem should be continued tomorrow instead of being carried over to the next non-official day.

### *FISH CURRY RAISES LAUGHTER!*

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (API)—Laughter filled the otherwise serious house of Parliament here for a while today when two members began thinking aloud and talked out the comparative tastes of fish curry with bread or chapatis and the same delicacy taken with a good morsel of rice.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, saying that something ought to be done immediately to conserve rice, suggested all non-vegetarian hotel establishments in the country should be prohibited from supplying rice to their customers. By way of strengthening this suggestion, he said: "Fish curry, for instance, tastes just as good with bread or chapatis" (laughter).

The second member, Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhry rejoined: "But, has Mr. Sidhwa tasted fish curry with rice?" (Loud laughter).

Amidst more laughter, Mr. Sidhwa conceded that in the days gone by it used to be his favourite dish and added: "What I am saying is that everyone must make some sacrifice."

Mr. Sidhwa estimated that the total stoppage of rice to non-vegetarian establishments would result in a net saving of at least two and half lakh tons of rice annually, which could be turned over to areas mainly rice-eating.

## People IN THE NEWS

**DELHI GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS**

NEW DELHI, Thursday.

In the morning the Governor-General received the following:—

H. E. Mr. M. W. H. DeSilva
Nawab Zain Yar Jung.
Shri K. Rajagopalan.

The following came to luncheon:—

Dr. B Pattabhi Sitaramayya.
Shri G. Kala Venkata Rao.

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**GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS**

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Dewan Bahadur Kaji, the Durbar Sahib of Vadia, Mr. A. V. Thomas and Revd. and Mrs. James Duncan.

General and Mrs. Albert W. T. Orsborn, Commissioner Archibald Moffat, Major Hubert Goddard, Lt.-Commissioner H. S. Hodgson and Mrs. Hodgson, Canon Arnold Bolton, Canon Shivkar, Revd. Dr. James Kellock and Mrs. Kellock, Revd. J. H. Patterson and Mrs. Patterson, Revd. Fr. Cyril Whitworth, Mr. J. S. B. Abraham, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Korula, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jacob and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Thomas came to lunch.

The Governor attended a Reception given by the Progressive Group at Green's Hotel, where he was received by Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Karanjia.

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**MAHARAJA OF KASHMIR**

BOMBAY, Feb. 3, (A.P.I.): The Maharaja of Kashmir and the Maharani accompanied by personal staff have arrived in Bombay on a fortnight's visit to the city.

The Maharaja will obtain first-hand information about refugees from Kashmir settled in various parts of the province and work out details of relief to them wherever necessary. It is estimated that there are about 600 Kashmir refugees in the province.

The Yuvaraja of Kashmir who is now in U.S.A. is expected in Bombay on February 19.

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**COUNTESS OF MOUNTBATTEN**

MALTA, Feb. 3, (PTI-Reuter): The Countess Mountbatten states she will leave Malta by air on February 13 for India and will return about a month later at the conclusion of the Mediterranean Fleet Spring Cruise.

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**MAJOR-GEN. KHUBCHAND**

HAMBURG, Feb. 3, (PTI-Reuter): Major-General Khubchand, head of the Indian Military Mission now in Germany, will fly from Berlin to Hamburg tomorrow for a four-day visit.

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**KHWAJA NAZIMUDDIN**

DACCA, Feb. 3, (A.P.I.): Khwaja Nazimuddin, Governor-General of Pakistan, left last night on a week's tour of East Bengal districts by a special steamer.

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**A. G. BOTTOMLEY**

LONDON, Feb. 3, (U.P.A.): The Board of Trade announced that Secretary for Overseas Trade A. G. Bottomley will leave London for Karachi and New Delhi today by Air India International.

He will be accompanied by Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade T. Cook and Economic adviser A. K. Cairincross.

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**HABIBULLAH BAHAR**

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3, (A.P.I.): Mr. Habibullah Bahar, Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government, East Bengal, arrived here today by air from Dacca on his way to Cairo to attend the World Health Organisation Conference as the alternate leader of the Pakistan delegation.

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**JAGJIVAN RAM**

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3, (A.P.I.): Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister of India, will leave for Banares on February 10, to deliver the Convocation Address at Kashi Vidyapith. From there he will proceed to Patna on a private visit, returning to Delhi on February 14.

# FORMATION OF "GREATER RAJASTHAN"

## Informal Talks Between States Ministry And Premiers

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (API)—There were informal talks today between the officials of the States Ministry and the Premiers of Jodhpur, Jaipur, Bikaner and the Dewas of Jodhpur and Jaipur, on the formation of "Greater Rajasthan".

The present talks would be carried a stage further when the rulers of Bikaner, Jodhpur Jaipur and Jaisalmer meet the States Ministry on Feb. 5 to discuss certain details of the scheme. A similar meeting with the rulers of the States of the Rajasthan Union has been arranged for February 10. The series of meetings will be rounded off with a conference of the rulers of States in the Matsya Union on February 13.

The Rajasthan Union as constituted now consists of ten States with the Maharana of Udaipur as the Rajpramukh.

The covenant which these rulers have executed with the Government of India will have to be amended to enable the formation of 'Greater Rajasthan' and the necessary amended draft covenant has already been sent to the rulers concerned.

#### SAURASHTRA TO MERGE ON MONDAY

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 3.

The announcement of Saurashtra merger with Bombay province will be made, I learn, on Monday February 7. Mr. Balvantrai Mehta, Deputy Prime Minister, Saurastra Government, is holding important discussion on this subject in New Delhi and Bombay. Mr. Mehta met Sardar Patel and Kher in this connection.

#### DHEBAR TO ATTEND DELHI CONFERENCE

RAJKOT, Feb. 3 (API)—Mr. U. N. Dhebar, Chief Minister of Saurashtra, will attend the conference at Delhi to consider the administrative and other problems arising out of the merger of Baroda and Kolhapur in Bombay Province.

Mr. Samaldas Gandhi, Information and Revenue Minister of Saurashtra, will participate in the conference of Information Ministers which Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is addressing at Delhi next week.

Speculation in the press that the merger of Saurashtra Union with Bombay was imminent was set at rest today by a spokesman of the Saurashtra Government who told the Associated Press of India "neither the Saurashtra Government nor the local Congress has been considering the question, nor will it be considered at the Delhi conference of representatives of Bombay, Baroda and Saurashtra to be held on February 7".

#### NIZAM'S PERSONAL LANDS

HYDERABAD, Feb. 3 (U P I)—The control of the Nizam's 'sarfa khas' (personal lands), comprising an area of about nine thousand square miles, will pass into the hands of 'Diwani' administration by next week-end according to an official of the Hyderabad State Government.

A big haul of arms was made today when Congress workers "fished" out 49 gun-pipes, 59 spear-heads and a number of swords from the river Moosa in Hyderabad City. The weapons were handed over to the police.

#### 3 KILLED IN HYDERABAD DISTURBANCES

Three men lost their lives and 65 were injured during the disturbances in Hyderabad, which started on Jan. 30, it is learnt authoritatively. Among the 65 injured five were members of the local constabulary.

About 50 men have been arrested in connection with the disturbances and breach of curfew regulations.

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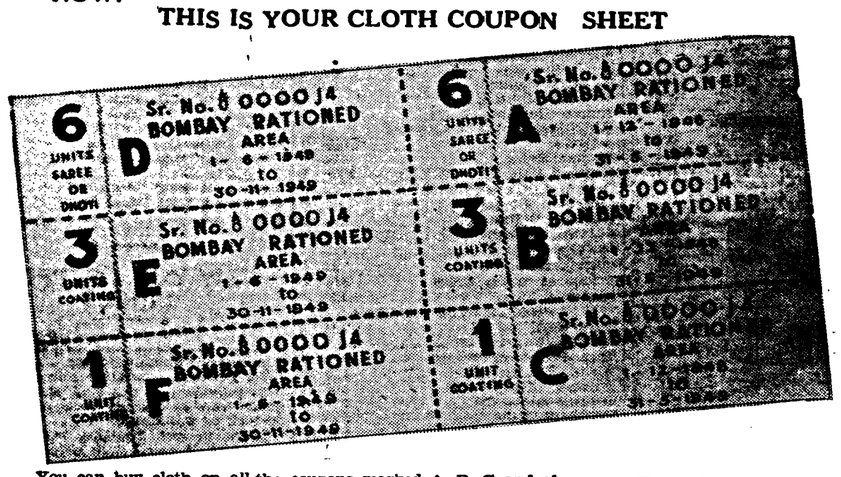


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| 3 yards | and | 3 yards | 1-1/2 yards | and | 1-1/2 yards | 1/2 yard | and | 1/2 yard |
| 2 yards | or and | 4 yards | 1 yard | or and | 2 yards | Nil | or and | 1 yard |
| 1 yard | or and | 5 yards | Nil | and | 3 yards | | | |
| Nil | and | 6 yards | | | | | | |

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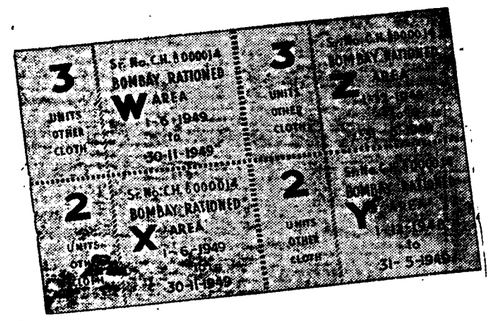


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| Nil | or and | 3 yards | | | |

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## KEROSENE QUOTA FOR JANUARY

**Those holders of kerosene oil ration cards who were unable to draw their quota of kerosene oil for January, 1949 are allowed to draw their January quota UPTO 15TH FEBRUARY, 1949.**

# BOMBAY Stock Exchange

## RESTRICTED TURNOVER AND NARROW PRICE MOVEMENT

BOMBAY Feb. 3:

The Bombay Stock Exchange was more interested in tomorrow's Budis business and beyond this there was nothing doing.

The syndicate was supporting Tata Steel shares while in mill shares there was very little business.

Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 1612/8 and after improving at Rs. 1622/8. Steadied at Rs. 1617/8. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 288/- and after improving at Rs. 289/- quietened up the opening level of Rs. 288/-. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 965/- and gained Rs. 1/4 at Rs. 966/4. While Kohinoors changed hands at Rs. 277/-.

The dividend limitation Bill is now introduced but some investors opine that several companies were allowed to issue new capital at a premium under Government sanction. This Government sanction to issue shares at a premium gave a sense of security and others were tempted to invest in new concerns where some specific dividend was promised and those prospecus were also sanctioned by the Government. Such cases require special consideration when the question of ascertaining capital comes in.

There was utter absence of fresh business and the market is inclined to await Budget proposals. Some dealers believe that there will be some reliefs in taxation but no reliance can be placed on such pious hopes. It is true that there is urgent need to increase industrial production and some sort of encouragement is needed. At the same time large imports manufactured goods are having adverse effect on the economic condition of the country.

Later on the market ruled steady. Tata Steel Dfds. improved at Rs. 1622/8 while Ordinary Shares after advancing at Rs. 289/8 steadied at Rs. 288/8. Dyeings were done at Rs. 966/4. Kohinoors were quoted at Rs. 277 and Nagpurs were done at Rs. 239. Simplex Shares were quoted at Rs. 177. Gokaks changed hands at Rs. 276. Burmas were done at Rs. 285. Premier Constructions were quoted at Rs. 130/8 while Scindia Shares improved at Rs. 20/4. Closing tone was steady.

### FORWARD SECTION

| | |
|---|---|
| Bombay Dyeing (12-8) | 966 4 |
| Kohinoor Mills (6) | 277 0 |
| Swadeshi Mills (22) | 276 8 |
| Central India Mills (4) | 239 0 |
| Simplex Mills (8) | 177 8 |
| New Great Eastern (10) | 159 0 |
| Indore (9 plus 3) | 173 12 |
| Gokak Mills (20) | 276 8 |
| Century-Spinning (15) | 227 8 |
| Colaba (12) | 149 0 |
| Ind'a Bleaching (6) | 152 0 |
| Swan Mills (20) | 309 8 |
| Finlay Mills (15) | 271 0 |
| Morarji Goculdas XD | 670 0 |
| Edward Sassoon (20) XR | 240 0 |
| Meyer (12) XD | 115 0 |
| Apollo Mills (As. 4) | 2 14 6 |
| India United Ord. (0-12-0) | 11 1 |
| India United Defd (0-1-6) | 1 9 6 |
| Madhusudan Mills (15) | 181 4 |
| Podar (8) | 145 0 |
| Khatau Makanji (8) | 205 0 |
| Indore Coupon | 83 0 |
| STEEL SHARES | |
| Tata Steel Ord. (14) | 288 2 |
| Tata Steel Defd (64-15) | 1621 4 |
| Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8) | 137 8 |
| CEMENT | |
| Associated Cement (5) | 157 8 |
| INDUSTRIES | |
| Burma (12-8) XD | 285 0 |
| Bellapur Sugar (9) X D | 226 8 |
| Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-6) | 28 8 |
| Scindia Steam (1-4) | 20 5 |
| Premier Construction | 130 8 |
| Tata Chemical | 12 12 |
| Tata Oil (2) | 64 8 |
| Indian Iron (0-12) XD | 22 2 |
| Bengal Steel (0-8-0) | 20 0 |
| British India Corp. (0-10) | 8 0 |
| 1 Copper | 2 2 9 |
| Wimco X R | 186 4 |
| Alcock | 271 4 |
| Belapur Coupon | 59 8 |

### CASH SECTION

| | |
|---|---|
| COTTON MILLS | |
| Elphinstone Mills (5) | 67 0 |
| Phoenix Mills (50) X R | 220 0 |
| Indian Manufacturing XD | 4300 0 |
| Koorla Mills (8) | 131 4 |
| David Mills (8) | 191 4 |
| New City Mills (10) | 181 4 |
| Minerva Mills (12) | 121 4 |
| Bradbury Mills (12) | 687 8 |
| Bharucha Defd (0-4) | 6 8 |
| Bharat Mills (2) | 31 0 |
| Mysore Spg. Mills (8) | 172 8 |
| Madhavji Dharamsi (6-12) | 15 0 |
| Model Mills (12-8) XD | 176 4 |
| Lakshmi Cotton (25) X D | 610 0 |
| Vishnu Cotton (8) X D | 208 12 |
| Western India (40) XD | 4070 0 |
| Standard Mills (15) | 245 0 |
| Bhalapur Mills (200) | 3500 0 |
| Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8) | 10 8 |
| Hindustan Mills (40) | 4225 0 |
| Tata Mills (3) | 57 8 |
| Ahmedabad Advance Old (9) | 270 0 |
| Ahmedabad Advance New | 196 0 |
| Sassoon Silk (3) | 77 4 |
| New Union Mills (0-8) | 13 4 |
| Madhusudan B (3-8) | 35 0 |
| Srinivas Mills (8) | 175 0 |
| Raja Bahadur Poona (4) | 100 0 |
| Berar Mills | 280 0 |
| Victoria Mills | 240 0 |
| Colaba Land Coupon | 42 0 |
| New Great New | 142 0 |
| ELECTRIC SHARES | |
| Tata Hydro (4-4-0) | 153 8 |
| Andhra Valley (45) | 1412 8 |
| Tata Power (50) | 1511 8 |
| Ahmedabad Electric (1-0) | 11 8 12 |
| Ahmedabad New | 12 14 |
| Surat Electricity (2-8) | 142 4 |
| Karachi Electric (2) | 127 8 |
| Broach (0-8) | 10 12 |
| Ajmer Electricity (0-8) | 10 7 |
| Amalgamated (0-12) | 12 8 |
| Nagpur Electricity (1-12) | 20 8 |
| Poona Electric Supply (8) | 150 0 |
| Bombay Suburban (3) XD | 142 8 |
| BANK SHARES | |
| Imperial Bank of India (35) XD | 1875 0 |
| Imperial Bank of India (8-12) X. D. | 465 0 |
| Central Bank Old (1-8) | 90 4 |
| Central Bank New (1-8) | 88 0 |
| Bank of India (4) X R | 199 0 |
| Union Bank of India (0-5) | 7 12 |
| Bank of Baroda (2-8) | 138 0 |
| Habib Bank (4) | 168 0 |
| Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8) | 45 0 |
| United Commercial (1-8) | 89 4 |
| Hindustan Commercial | 28 12 |
| Jaipur Bank (1-8) | 35 4 |
| Mysore Bank (8) | 265 0 |
| Exchange Bank (1-8) | 29 8 |
| Eastern Bank (0-14-8) | 105 0 |
| INSURANCE | |
| Oriental (125) XD | 4100 0 |
| Empire (10) | 678 0 |
| New India (1-8) | 60 8 |
| Jupiter (1-4) | 21 0 |
| Vulcum (0-10) | 11 11 |
| Indian Mercantile (2) | 39 8 |
| Universal (0-4) | 11 4 |
| Bombay Suburban (3) XD | 141 4 |
| B.I.G. (1) | 18 1 |
| Industrial and Prudential | 20 4 |
| Neptune Assurance | 8 0 |
| New Great | 25 0 |
| All-India General | 17 8 |
| RAILWAY SHARES | |
| Central Provinces (1-14) | 114 0 |
| Pachora Jamner Rly (2-8) | 120 0 |
| MISCELLANEOUS SHARES | |
| Bombay Steamer (10) | 380 0 |
| Bmbay Burma New (5) | 103 2 |
| Burma Petrol | 1 5 3 |
| Macfarlane (5) | 90 0 |
| Port Canning (3) | 66 0 |
| Kemp and Co. (20) | 442 8 |
| Kemp and Co. (New) | 462 8 |
| Zandu Pharmacy (7) | 150 8 |
| Industrial Invest Trust (4) | 89 8 |
| Dharamsey Chemical (2) | 35 0 |
| Mukund Iron | 19 8 |
| Dena Trust (0-12) | 21 0 |
| Alembic (15) | 197 8 |
| Associated Cement New (1-4) | 149 0 |
| Supreme India XR | 123 12 |
| Jam Wire (6) | 67 8 |
| Bombay Uganda | 69 0 |
| Bombay Motor Cycle | 34 0 |
| Indian Cement (1937) | 25 0 |
| Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.) | 145 0 |
| United Motor | 74 0 |
| Bombay Safe Deposit (27) | 1002 8 |
| Bydary Construction | 19 10 |
| Mahmadi Steam | 96 0 |
| Gujarat Motor | 20 0 |
| Sardar Carbonic XD | 150 0 |
| Harvey Press | 319 0 |
| Estrela Batteries | 51 0 |
| Prince of Wales Press | 610 0 |
| Manmad Press | 130 8 |
| PREFERENCE SHARES | |
| Tata, Steel 1st (6) | 181 4 |
| Andhra Valley (7) | 1247 8 |
| Tata, Power (7-8) | 1270 0 |
| Hydro Electric (7) | 120 10 |
| Bombay Steamer (6) | 308 12 |
| Central India (5) | 632 8 |
| Swadeshi Mills | 128 12 |
| Vishnu Mills (7) | 633 12 |
| Lakshmi Mills | 275 0 |
| New Great Mills (5-8) | 227 8 |
| Podar Mills (4) | 108 0 |
| Shrinivas Mills | 98 0 |
| Elphinstone Mills (7) | 116 4 |
| Bradbury Mills (7-8) | 310 0 |
| Surat Electricity (3-4) | 136 4 |
| Premier Construction 1st (6 1/4) | 120 0 |
| Amalgamated (5-8) | 123 2 |
| Premier Construction 2nd (6-4) | 116 4 |
| Habib | 72 0 |
| Tata Chemical (5) | 132 8 |
| Walchand Nagar Indus (7) | 130 0 |
| Jupiter General | 19 14 |
| Supreme | 100 0 |
| Meyer | 121 4 |
| Mackenzie 1st | 85 0 |
| Mackenzie 2nd | 80 0 |
| Ahmedabad Advance | 132 8 |
| Mysore Mills | 50 0 |
| Standard Mills | 101 0 |
| Madhusudan Mills | 12 0 |
| Khatau Mills | 104 0 |
| Morarji | 104 0 |
| DEBENTURES | |
| Andhra 1952 (4) | 103 8 |
| Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8) | 101 10 |
| Indian Rume Pipe (6) | 106 0 |
| Tata Power 1951 | 103 0 |
| Walchand Nagar (6) | 112 0 |
| OUTSIDE SHARES | |
| Burma Corporation | 2 15 6 |
| New Victoria Mill | 2 8 |
| New Victoria Pref | 5 0 |
| Phalton Sugar (8) | 125 0 |
| Gold Mohur (20) | 280 0 |
| New Kaiser-Hind | 260 0 |
| Sajjan Mills (20) | 150 0 |
| Samastahni Mills (10) | 300 0 |
| Azam Jahi Mills (10) | 340 0 |
| Air Service XR | 7 8 |
| Ambica Air XR | 5 0 |
| Air India (100) | 93 8 |
| Hind Motor | 4 13 |
| Indian Steam | 8 2 |

### IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 28th January:—

| LIABILITIES | RS. |
|---|---|
| Capital | 5,62,50,000 |
| Reserve Fund | 6,27,50,000 |
| Fixed Deposit, Savings, Current and other Accounts | Bank, 2739057000 |
| Sundries | 68,56,000 |
| ASSETS | RS. |
| INVESTMENTS: | |
| Government Securities | 131,62,12,000 |
| Other Authorised Investments | 9,13,03,000 |
| Advances:.. Rupees | 2864913000 |
| Loans | 27,70,85,000 |
| Cash Credits and Overdrafts | 65,96,15,000 |
| Bills Discounted and Purchased | 6,11,98,000 |
| Dead Stock | 1,55,39,000 |
| Sundries | 1,32,25,000 |
| CASH:— In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India | 34,78,41,000 |
| Balances with other Banks | 8,38,95,000 |
| Rupees | 286,49,13,000 |

## GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY Feb. 3:

The Bullion Market was firm today with active buying and quotations registered moderate improvement. Ready Silver was placed at Rs. 187|12 while 996 fineness was quoted at Rs. 188/- and 999 fineness was fetching Rs. 188 6. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 118 2.

Quotations were at under:—

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|---|---|
| Ready Silver | 187 12 0 |
| Ready Gold | 118 2 0 |
| Sovereigns | 75 4 0 |

## Produce Market Closed

BOMBAY Feb. 3:

The local produce market was closed today being Vasant Panchami.

### COTTON MARKET CLOSED

BOMBAY Feb. 3:

The local cotton market remained entirely closed today.

### INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May contracted is 846 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331

### ALEXDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Feb. 2

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|---|---|
| KARNAK March | 88.05-140 |
| KARNAK May | 84.70-105 |
| ASHMOUNI Feb. | 53.35-14 |
| ASHMOUNI April | 53.80-60 |

## GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Feb. 3

| | |
|---|---|
| 2 1/4 per cent 1954 | 98 8 |
| 2 1/2 per cent 1950 | 100 6 |
| 2 1/2 per cent 1955 | 99 12 |
| 2 1/2 per cent 1961 | 97 1 |
| 2 3/4 per cent 1960 | 97 1 |
| 2 3/4 per cent 1962 | 99 2 |
| 2 3/4 per cent 1976 | 96 0 |
| 3 per cent Nnon-Terminable | 98 11 |
| 3 per cent 1988 Con. | 98 12 |
| 3 per cent 1942-52 | 100 10 |
| 3 per cent 1953-55 | 101 7 |
| 3 per cent 1957 | 101 4 |
| 3 per cent 1959-61 | 100 14 |
| 3 per cent 1963-65 | 99 14 |
| 3 per cent 1966-68 | 98 13 |
| 3 1/2 per cent 1954-59 | 104 10 |
| 4 per cent 1960-70 | 110 10 |
| 4 1/2 per cent 1955-60 | 112 0 |
| 4 1/2 per cent 1953-58 | 115 4 |
| PROVINCIAL LOANS | |
| 2 3/4 per cent U P 1961 | 98 4 |
| 2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961 | 98 4 |
| 3 per cent Punjab 1948 | 98 14 |
| 3 per cent Bombay 1956 | 100 12 |
| 3 per cent Bombay 1958 | 100 12 |
| 3 per cent Madras 1952-55 | 100 4 |
| 3 per cent U.P. 1952 | 100 4 |
| 3 per cent C P 1962 | 100 0 |
| 3 per cent N W F 1962 | 99 10 |
| 3 per cent U P 1961-66 | 100 0 |
| 4 per cent Bombay Municipality D. | 111 4 |
| 5 per cent Bom. Muni 1959 | 114 8 |
| 6 per cent Bom. Muni 1954 | 114 8 |
| 6 pc. P I | 114 4 |

## NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, February 2.

Black pepper closed inactive and nominally unchanged on the New York Produce Exchange today. Dullness prevailed in the spot market but goods were held at 64 cents per pound ex-dock or warehouse.

Black pepper awaiting release was quoted at 61 cents with shipments expected to arrive at the end of February holding 60 cents.

New York re-sellers' prices ex-dock on forward positions included: March 54 cents with buyers holding around one cent lower; March/May offered at 52 cents and May/June around 49 cents, nominal.

Closing prices included: March 57, May 51, July/September 46, October 45, December 44, January 42.

## LONDON PEPPER PRICES

LONDON, February 2.

Pepper prices turned easier with Singapore quoting black at 3/1 white at 3/11. Malabar, London basis, was quoted at 310

### LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

Tata Ordinary 288/8 Tata Deferred 1621/4 Indian Iron 22/2 Steel Corpn. or Bengal 20 Bombay Dyeing 966/4 Central India 239/6 Gokak 276/14 Kohinoor 277/8 Simplex 177/8 Swadeshi 276/14 Tata Power 1512/8 Associated Cement 157/8 Belapur 226/14 Bombay Burma (Old) 285 Scindia 20/5 Central Bank 90 New India 60/8 Tata 2nd Pref. 137 8

## MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

| | |
|---|---|
| S. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready. | |
| B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Mos. | |
| London Banks Selling T. T. D D 1/5 31/32 Ready | |
| London Banks Selling T. T. D D 1/5 15/16 upto 6 Months. | |
| London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month | |
| London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month. | |
| London Banks Buying D. D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month. | |
| London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month | |
| London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month | |
| London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month. | |
| London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 5th-6th Months. | |
| London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month. | |
| London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month. | |
| London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month. | |
| London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month | |
| New York & Montreal B C Rate T T. Rs. 332 1/4. | |
| Banks Selling T. T. D D Rs. 332 1/4 | |
| Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330 | |
| Banks Buying D D N Y Rs 328 3/4 Montreal Rs 328 1/2. | |
| Banks Buying D. D N. Y. Rs. 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C. | |
| Paris Banks Selling T T Pcs 1860 | |
| Paris Banks Buying T. T. Pcs. 8060. | |
| Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T D D Fl. 79 | |
| Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D D Pcs. 1305. | |
| Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gids 79. | |
| Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 84. | |
| Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 157. | |
| Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 165 1/4. | |
| New York/London Cross Rate doi 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Alghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs 52.57-53-43; London/Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Pcs 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/3 1/16-1/2 15/16; London/Iran Cross Rate Rl 128/130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8.09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Rate doi 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate doi 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Frs. 1061—1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Pcs 17.34-36; London/Syria Cross Rate 880-5 | |
| London Discts. 4 Mos. 9/16 p.c.. London Discts. 6 Mos 5/8 p.c. | |
| Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c. | |
| Money: Call 1/2 p.c.; 3 Mos 3/4 p.c.; 6 Mos 1 p.c.; 12 Mos 1-1/2 p.c. | |
| Tone: Easy. | |

### Italian Art Silk Yarn

BOMBAY, Feb 3.

| | |
|---|---|
| 150 D. Feb. | 3 5 9 |
| 150 D March (200 lbs. Box) | 667 0 0 |
| 120 D. Ready | 3 8 6 |
| 150 D Ready | 3 5 9 |

### Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

| | |
|---|---|
| Mala dely. (Per cwt) | 191 to 193 |
| Pagan dely. | 980 to 985 |

## POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of Scheduled Banks as at the close of business on the 28th January, 1949:—*

| | Rs. |
|---|---|
| Demand Liabilities in India: | |
| (i) Borrowing from banks | 27,85,63,000 |
| (ii) Other demand liabilities | 617,08,18,000 |
| Time Liabilities in India: | |
| (i) Borrowings from banks | 21,00,000 |
| (ii) Other time liabilities | 292,92,81,000 |
| Cash in India: | |
| (i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Banks Notes | 32,80,54,000 |
| (ii) Rupee Coin | 1,87,57,000 |
| (iii) Subsidiary Coin | 73,64,000 |
| Balances with Reserve Bank | 61,71,68,000 |
| Advances in India | 442,83,58,000 |
| Bills discounted in India | 17,84,54,000 |

* Note: Figures are provisional since complete returns not receeived from some banks.

### Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, Feb. 3.

Following are today quotations in the Madras Stock Market:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Government Indnia Loan Three per cent Paper 98/14, Dd. 1986 98/12, Do. 1970/75 100, Government of Tranvancore Loan Three per cent 1952/54 102/6, Government of Madras Loan 1960 100/9.

BANKS: Travancore 18/14

PLANTINGS: Blue Mountain 2/7, Chambra 4/6, Cochin Malabar 4, Devashola 18-2, Midland 5/6, Nellimanpathy 1/5, Ouchterlony 5/9, Pullangdoes 1/1, Thirumbadi 2/6, T. E. and T. Co. 6/4, Valkundam 7/2.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 161, Do. Pref. 191, Cambodia 9, Coimbatore CM 108, Do. Pioneer 110, Do Spg. 45, Laksm: 64, Madura 44/12, Mettur 305, Ramakrishna 137/8, Rajaluksmi 46/8, Ranga Vilas 44/12, Trav Rayons 4/12, Trichnopoly 11/2, Vasantha 102/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64, F. A. C. T. 4/14, India Cement 13/12, Mettur Chem. 8, Mysore Chem Fert 6/14.

### NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.

| | |
|---|---|
| American Telephone and Telegraph | 148 |
| Amerex Holding Co. | 25-3/4 |
| Anaconda Copper Mining | 33-3/4 |
| Chase National Bank | 35—1/4 |
| Sinclair Oil | 21-3/4 |
| Firestone Tyre and Rubber Co. | 48-7/8 |
| General Electric Co. | 38-1/4 |
| General Motors | 61-3/8 |
| Ingersol Rand | 62 |
| International Nickel | 30-3/8 |
| National City Bank of New York | 39-1/4 |
| New York Central Rail Road Co. | 12 |
| Socony Vacuum Corporation | 16-5/8 exdiv. |
| Texas Corporation | 51-5/8 |
| Union Carbide | 39-5/8 |
| U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co. | 42-1/2 |
| U. S. Steel Corporation Common | 75 exdiv |
| Western Union Telegraph | 15-1/4 |

### NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.

U. S. price of foreign silver 70 cents.

### LONDON, BULLIONS

LONDON, Feb. 2.

| | |
|---|---|
| Silver Spot and Forward | 42-1/2d |
| Gold bars fine per oz. | £8/12/3 |

### Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

| | |
|---|---|
| Inferior Quality | 86 0 0 |
| Medium Size | 90 0 0 |
| Big Size | 93 0 0 |
| March dely. | 31 1 0 |
| May dely. | 31 5 0 |
| Jan. dely. | 28 6 0 |
| Arrivals Bags | 5695 |

## *N. Y. Cotton Prices Decline On Increased Selling In Distant Months*

### *Wall Street Irregular After Early Enthusiasm*

NEW YORK February 2:

After opening irregularities, the market hesitated and then eased influenced by increased liquidation and selling credited principally to New Orleans interests. Weakness of grains, quietness in the export field, bearish view of newcrop possibilities along with the everpresent Washington uncertainties appeared the chief factors. In the afternoon losses were extended on liquidation and active selling by New Orleans particularly of 1949 July delivery reflecting persistent weakness in grains and expectations of heavy plantings this year. Finally prices steadied on some mill buying and short covering. The market closed steady with sales approximately 150,000 bales.

### NEW YORK COTTON

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 32.58—05 |
| March Highest | 32.67+04 |
| March Lowest | 32.49—14 |
| May | 32.30—11 |
| July | 31.20—20 |
| October | 28.66—14 |
| December | 28.43—12 |
| Middling Spot | 33.58—05 |

### NEW ORLEANS COTTON

| | |
|---|---|
| March | 32.55—07 |
| May | 32.30—09 |
| July | 31.19—19 |
| October | 28.61—16 |
| Midding Spot | 32.55—10 |

### WALL STREET MARKET

Yesterday's late rally was initially extended on a fairly broadfront but enthusiasm soon waned and the market developed a wavering tendency. At noon fractional variations eitherway prevailed with gains still holding a slight advantage. The averages were Industrials 180.21 and Rails 52.87.

Later prices drifted aimlessly around noon levels in sluggish trade with the desire to await legislative developments appearing to be the over-riding consideration. The market closed irregular.

### CHICAGO GRAINS

After a steady start, all grain deliveries declined sharply on renewal of liquidation. Prices rallied briskly at times but each recovery attempt attracted renewed offerings. The decline carried most maize and all soyabeans deliveries to new seasonal lows, with the improved grain supply position all over the world and prospects of huge production of cereals in 1949 responsible for the selling.

### CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.

| | |
|---|---|
| May | 2.15-5/8 |
| July | 1.99-1/2 |
| September | 2.00-3/8 |
| December | 2.02-1/4 |

### LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Feb. 2.

London Australian wheat F.O.B. bulk 99/3 Feb/March quoted

### LONDON EXCHANGE

LONDON, Feb. 2.

| T. T. London on: | SELLING | BUYING |
|---|---|---|
| New York | 4.027 | 4.0325 |
| Montral | 4.0375 | 4.03 5 |
| Zurich | 174.25 | 17.3 |
| Stockholm | 14.47 to 14.50 | |

## Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Feb. 3

MILLS

Apollo 2-14 2-14-6
Bharat 32-4 31
B. Dyeng 96614 65 70 65 67-8 66-4
C. India 238 39 38-8 39
Century 226-4 27-8
Elphinstone Ord. 65
Finlay 271
Gokak 275 74 77 75-8 76-8
I.U. Defd. 1-9-6 1-9 1-9-6
I. U. Ord. 11-1 11-2 11-1
Indore 173-12 72-8 73-12
Khatau 205
Kohinoor 276 75-12 78 77
Laxmi 610
Madhusudan 181-4
New Great 160 59
Podar 145
Sassoon Cotton 9-12 10-8
Simplex 176-8 76 77-8 77 77-8
Swadeshi 276 75 77-8 76 76-8
Tata Mills 57-8
Vishnu 210 8-12
G.P. Rly 114

STEAMER

Scindia 19-15 20-6 20-3 20-5

BANKS

Baroda 138-8 38
Central 90 89-12 90-4 90
Central A New 88
Habib 178
Imperial Old 1880 70 95 75
Imperial New 462-8 90
India 199-8 90
Union 7-12
U. Commercial 59-4

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 119-6 18-12
Andhra Valley 1415 12-8
Suburban 142-8
Hydro 154 53-8
Hydro Pref 120-10
Power 1515 17-8 12-8

INSURANCE

New India 61 60 60-8
Vulcan 11-11

STEEL

B. Steel 20 20-2 20
I. Iron 22 22-3 22-1 22-2
Tata Defd 1612-8 23-12 12-8 20 13-12 22-8 21-4
Tata Ord 287-8 89-8 88 88-8
Tata 2nd Pref 137-8 37 37-8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 270 71-4
A.C.C. Old 158-8 57-4 58 57-8
A.C.C. New 149
Belapur 226 27 26 26-8
B. B. Old 283-12 83-2 91 4 85
B. B. New 103-12 2-8 3-2
B. B. Petrol 1-5-6 1-5 1-5-3
B. I. Corporation 8
Dharamsey 36-8
I. Copper 2-3-9
I. Bleaching 153 51-8 52-8
Port Canning 66
P. Construction 129 33 30 31-8 30-8
Shivrajpur 27 28-8
Tata Chemical 12-13 12-12
Tata Oil 64 64-4 63-12 64-8
Wimco 185-10 87-8 86-4

SPECIAL

Indore Coupon 83
Ahmedabad Elec. New 12-12 12-14
Alembic Chem. 197-8

## Shipping News

### IMPORTS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

S.S. EXMINISTER

From New York:—118 drums lubricating oil, 743 bdls steel bars, 5851 bars A W electrolytic copper cathods, 110 drums mineral oil, 37 bags cover pocket books, 239 drums laquarin liquid, 50 ctns putty, 283 crates porcelain insulators with fittings, 182 pkgs textile winding machinerv and parts, 128 cases medicine, 80 cases mineral medical oil, 740 drums white petroleum mineral oil, 1939 drums white oil, 245 drums coaltar dyes, 83 drums moulding powder, 60 bales secondhand clothing, 171 cases storage oatteries, 926 boxes infant milk food, 105 bdls electric carbons, 650 pails lubricating oil, 746 bags soda ash, 200 drums spindal oil, 400 drums white petroleum oil, 1260 cases auto parts, 105 skids coke waste tin plate, 67 skids tin plates, 169 skids tin plate coke second, 286 skids tin plate waste, 112 pkgs abrasive grain, 200 bdls incans, 396 bundls black steel, 100 drums diesel fuel oil, 1000 drums zinc oxide,

From Philadelphia: 282 drums diesel oil 610 drums lubricating oil.

From Boston: 111 bales scrap leather.

From Raltimore: 2533 and 2474 oxes tin plates 98 bdls black plate waste 2912 bags lithuphone 119 cases solven oil.

### EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S. S. DARA

To Kuwait: 43 cases cotton piecegoods A. H. Shaya 13 bales cotton piecegoods Asiatic Mercantile Co. 10 bales cotton piecegoods Bhupatrai & Co.

S. S. JOY BRAHMA

To Colombo: 200 bags coriander seed M. Popatlal & Co.

S. S. ARNA

To Rotterdam: 588 bales raw cotton Bombay Cotton Export Import, 55 bales raw cotton S. Gangadhar 636 bales raw cotton R. Kanji & Co. 238 bales raw cotton N. M. Bros.

S. S. BHADRAWATI

To Karachi: 200 drums K. Oil H. H. H. Peermohamed 5 bales cotton piecegood Miscellaneous Shippers 25 bags ambohaldi G. M. Oomer.

S. S. TANRINIA

To Genoa: 128 bales cotton raw J. Ladha & Co.

S. S. TREVENCE

To Shanghai: 300 bales cotton piecegoods Madhawani & Co.

To Penang: 100 bdls cumin seed J. Kailaschand.

S. S. VIRGINIA MAY

To Karachi: 100 baskets betel leaves Mohamed Din 150 baskets betel leaves Mumtaz & Co.

S. S. DEVANHA

To Sydney: 17 bales cottop piecegoods Pioneer Trading Co.

S. S. ARONDA

To Mombassa: 35 bales cotton piecegoods E. Mavji & Sons 35 bales cotton piecegoods F. Manji 8 bales cotton piecegoods A Mavji & Co. 9 bales cotton piecegoods P. Gulabchand & Co. 17 bales cotton piecegoods A. C. Waria, 21 balecs cotton piecegoods —Arvind and Co.

S.S. MONTRISH

To Karachi—15 bags tamarind—A. H. Abdulla.

S.S. VARSOVA

To Karachi—350 bags potatoes—A. H. Ahmed, 50 bags potatoes—A.S. A.M. Vakil.

SS JALMOTI

To Port Sudan—215 drums ground nut oil—Swastik Oil Mills Ltd.

SS THEODORE

To Karachi—76 bales cotton piece goods—The Phonex Mills Ltd.

BY AIR

To Karachi—38 bales art silk piece goods, Mis. Shippers, 105 baskets betel leaves A.H.A. Masjid. 1280 baskets betel leaves International Carrier Ltd. 440 baskets betel leaves Mr. Balem and Co. 100 baskets sweet lemons H. Mohmed, 300 baskets betel leaves L. Bechardas and Co., 225 baskets betel leaves A.H.A. Majid, 1125 baskets betel leaves Mohomed Din and Co.

### Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS:

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"CHETI CAMP" (Dingwall Co.) from Houston on Feb. 2 with 9,000 tons grains. Agents Volkart. "M. V. HUGHLI" (James Nourse) from Rangoon on Feb. 2 with 9,000 tons rice. Agents M. M. S. S. "JANAKI" (Malbar) from Navalakhi on Feb. 2 with cement 1,000 tons. Agents Malbar. S.S. "LAXMI" (Shri Ambica) from Mangalore on Feb. 2 with general cargo 170 tons. Agents D. Bahadur & Co. S. S. "INDIAN PIONEER" (India Steamship) from Antwerp on Feb. 3 with general cargo 5,050 tons. Agents L. Edwards' "BRITTA" (Arth H. Mathiasen) from New York on Feb. 3. with wheat 9002 tons. Agents Volkart. S. T. "DEEPOALEH" (Went Bridge shipping) from Abadan on Feb. 3 with furnace oil 7,471 tons. Agents Anglo-Iranian Oil.

DEPATURES:

S. S. "SEASIDE" (Atlantic Agency) for Calcutta on Feb. 2 with general cargo 5,000 tons. S. S. "EXPLORER" (Amer Export) for Calcutta on Feb. 2 with general cargo 3,100 tons. S. S. "KALAVATI" (B.S.N.) for Bhavnagar on Feb. 2 with general cargo 495 tons. S. S. "ENGLESTAN" (Bengal Burma) for Okha on Feb. 3 with general cargo 2319 tons. S. S. "JAL-AZAD" (Scindia) for Karachi on Feb. 3 with general cargo 2,012 tons.

### Hessian Market

BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

| | Pies. |
|---|---|
| 45X11 per yd. | |
| Ready | 106-1/2 |
| Jan-March dely. | 107-1/4 |
| April-June dely | 106-1/2 |
| D. W. 40X28 BAGS. | |
| Ready | 120 0 0 |
| Jan-March | 116 8 0 |
| April-June | 111 8 0 |


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# GOVT. TO MOVE FEDERAL COURT: REQUISITION TEST CASE

## LEGAL EXPERTS ADVISE APPEAL AGAINST HIGH COURT DECISION

**THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY, IT IS RELIABLY UNDERSTOOD, HAVE DECIDED TO APPEAL TO THEFEDERAL COURT OF INDIA, AGAINST THE DECISIONS OF THE BOMBAY HIGH COURT, IN SEVERAL TEST CASES UNDER THE BOMBAY LAND REQUISITION ACT.**

**THEY SOUGHT THE ADVICE OF LEGAL EXPERTS, AND IT IS LEARNT THAT THEY HAD BEEN ADVISED BY THE LEGAL REMEMBRANCER THAT THEY HAD SOUND REASONS TO PREFER APPEALS.**

The adverse decisions of the High Court, had almost rendered the Act nugatory and, as a sequel, Government had to practically wind up the activities of the office of the Controller of Accommodation.

The operation of the Act, if it had continued, would have benefitted thousands of house-hunters in the City, as there were 26,000 applicants for flats and nearly 18,000 suppressed vacancies.

In view of the public clamour also, it is understood, Government have deemed it worthwhile to go to the Federal Court.

## Revolutionary Prison Reforms For Bombay

(Continued from Page 1).

pal convicts, however, are excluded from this privilege.

**POLITICAL PRISONERS**

Political prisoners, of course, are dealt with under a separate code and their treatment depends upon the type of offence committed by the individuals. Political prisoners, in deserving cases, are put free on parole for specified periods.

Prisoners can now send out four letters in a month and on inward letters, from their families, no restriction is placed. They can receive as many letters as their people or friends come to send them.

**CO-OPERATIVE CANTEENS**

Highly modern canteens on the most scientific lines catering nutritious food so as to balance the diet of prisoners, have been opened in all jails in the province. Shortly they will be run on co-operative lines by the prisoners, themselves. These canteens also serve as restaurants and sell every kind of delicacy including cigarettes and "bidis" which hitherto were tabooed in jails.

The ban on these two luxury articles, (cigarettes and bidis) when it existed, led to a number of breaches of rules which governed jail life then and had to be smuggled by bribing corrupt warders and prison officials. It is on record that even murders were committed for the sake of a single "bidi".

**ONLY TWO CLASSES**

There are only two classes now—1st and 2nd.

One-sixth of the money earned in wages by the prisoners is credited to their accounts and they are allowed to utilise this amount for purchasing the wares and food available in the canteens. A prisoner may have a glass of milk or a cup of tea and cakes or ladoos or satiate his appetite by feasting on a side-dish of good meat, or nutritive vegetables.

All money earned by working "overtime" can be spent by the prisoner.

**NO MORE FLOGGING**

Gone are the days when the convict was shackled and handcuffed. He can now move freely without any fetters either on the hands or legs. There is no more flogging and the "cat-o'-nine-tails" is very seldom used, only in cases of grave indiscipline accompanied by violence

**PRIVATE MEDICAL AID ALLOWED**

The prisoner can now bring his own clothes and bedding and private medicines. Private medical aid is allowed to those prisoners who can afford, if they so desire, in addition to hospitalisation and Governmental medical care.

The old system of appointing Civil Surgeons as jail-Superintendents has been abolished. Only those men who are experienced in sociology are now given the posts of Jail-Superintendents.

**PSYCHIATRISTS FOR JAILS**

Shortly Government intend appointing psychiatrists in all central jails, like Yerawada Belgaum, Sabarmati and Visapur.

Jail offences, since some of the new reforms were introduced, have been almost reduced to nil.

All scavenging and conservancy work which formerly had to be done by the prisoners themselves is done by hired scavengers.

Modern methods of sanitation are gradually being introduced and this will obviate the necessity of employing convicts for voluntary conservancy work which they are permitted to do, in places where it is necessary.

**CHARKHA AND TAKLI**

Mahatma Gandhi is not forgotten and the "charkha" and the "takli" form important features of jail life, today, where spinning is taught to all prisoners who wish to learn it.

**IMPROVING PRISONERS BY PSYCHOLOGICAL MEANS**

Hair oil is supplied gratis to all prisoners and the quantity of rations has been increased.

The idea is to make jail life less miserable and instead of terrorising the prisoner improve him by kindness and psychological treatment.

Practically all prisoners who have been in jails, for ten years or longer, have been set free through different amnesties granted by the Congress Government after they assumed office, and, today there is not a single convict in jail who has served a ten-year sentence.

The Government's object is to see that the jail population is on the wane and so far they have met with considerable success.

In fact, a scheme which their predecessors had kept ready to build a new jail costing 80 lakhs of rupees has been scrapped.

By meting out to prisoners a humane treatment Government hope to turn them into good citizens.

## JUTE INDUSTRY IN DANGER

LONDON, Feb. 3 (PTI—Reuter)—Mr. W. A. M. Walker, British Representative of the Indian Jute Mills Association, said here today that one of the dangers now facing the Jute industry was the use of substitutes.

"American manufacturers", he told the Royal Society of Arts", "are alarmed at the present high prices for jute goods. There is definite evidence that some sections have already gone over to paper.

"Once this conversion has been made, there is little chance of a return to jute even when prices fall again. In other countries, also the growing of substitute fibres is being encouraged, and this constitutes a serious threat to jute if present prices continue.

"A recent survey made by consuls of the Government of India in many of the consuming centres seems to have had the result of imbuing that Government with a certain degree of complacency on this score, but from the reports which reach the manufacturers from users all over the world, such is far from being the actual state of affairs.

"Despite the progress, however, in jute substitute, jute itself possesses natural advantages of a higher order. There would be little incentive to substitute other fibres were the price factor to be established on a reasonable basis.

Scientific research is doing much to improve the range of jute products, and the Research Institute of the Association can and will play a great part in helping to re-establish some of the markets being lost to jute."

"It was essential that the Governments of India and Pakistan should realise that the present policy regarding jute sowing, costs of production, export restrictions and difficulties were all tending to create dwindling markets.

## CARDINAL ADMITS GUILT?

BUDAPEST, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter).—The trial of Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty, Roman Catholic Primate of Hungary, on charges of high treason was beginning this morning before the Hungarian Peoples' Court.

He was being defended by Dr. Kalman Kiczko, a former county judge who was appointed by the Ministry of Justice after the Cardinal had refused, according to official statements, to name a defence counsel of his own choice.

No details of today's trial had been announced by last night, but it was understood that together with the cardinal at least six or seven others would be tried, among them his Private Secretary, Dr. Andras Askar.

Twelve people, apart from the Cardinal and his Secretary, were arrested in connection with the case. They included several officials of the Catholic Action organisation in Hungary.

The defendants are accused of espionage and of having plotted against the Hungarian Republic for the restoration of the Hapsburg monarchy in Central Europe after a possible third world war. In addition, the Cardinal and others face a charge of large scale black marketing in foreign currency.

The trial of Cardinal Mindszenty took a sensational turn today when Court President only read the text of a letter from the Cardinal to the Hungarian Minister of Justice in which he admitted his guilt and asked for the halting of the proceedings against him on condition that he temporarily resigned from the position of Prince Primate of Hungary.

The court rejected the Cardinal's petition to halt his trial.

## *RETURNING TO DIE IN THEIR HOMELAND*

DURBAN, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter): 300 aged Indians from British Guiana have arrived here on their way back to India to "wash away their sins in the Ganges" and then die in their homeland.

Most of them left home at least 50 years ago to work on British Guiana sugar plantations.

They put into Durban last week in the 6,779-ton British-India vessel 'Orna', specially chartered for their journey.

The Indian Government advised against the party's repatriation, saying that India was suffering from food shortages and other difficulties.

But this original labour contracts provided for their eventual repatriation and the Indians insisted on this condition being observed.

## Free Export Of Handloom Cloth From India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (API): The Government of India have decided to allow free export of handloom cloth to all countries other than Pakistan. So far as Pakistan is concerned, Government have decided to allow fifty million yards of handloom cloth to be exported for the time being. It is expected that this quantity would be adjusted in the total cloth earmarked for Pakistan.

The handloom industry had been asked to produce more cloth which could be utilised in India so that Government might not be faced with a similar situation.

## C.-in-C. AT NATIONAL WAR ACADEMY

Gen. K. M. Kariappa, Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army, with the Chief Engineer of the National War Academy Khadakwasla (near Poona). Mr. W. X. Mascarenhas and Executive Engineer K. A. Kalani.

## NEED TO BUILD STRONG ARMY

### Indian C.-in-C.'s Stresses At Delhi Rotary Meeting

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3 (A.P.I.): General K. M. Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army, speaking at a Rotary meeting tonight urged the necessity of building a strong army, not for the purposes of aggression, but for defence against external aggression and for security against internal disorders. He said there were two essential factors for building an efficient army—good officers and industrial production to make the army independent of foreign supplies.

General Cariappa emphasised that the army must be officered by men of quality. Modern warfare, he said, was highly mechanised and this needed best men of good physique and a high standard of education and intelligence. It was the duty of every citizen to see that the national army was provided with officers of this calibre.

## Mrs. Pandit In Prague

PRAGUE, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, India's Ambassador to Moscow, who is on her way back from India to Russia, saw the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Dr. Vladimir Clements, here today.

Tonight she was guest of honour at a reception given by the Indian Ambassador, Mr. N. Raghavan.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps and Czechoslovak Bovernment attended.

## World Bank Mission In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Feb. 3, (U. P. I.): The International Bank Mission arrived in Calcutta by air today from Delhi. They are staying at Government House. A fleet of 5-6 cars has been placed at their disposal. During their stay, the party will examine, among other development schemes, the Damodar Valley Project.

**BEECROFT TO VISIT KANPUR.**

KANPUR, Feb. 3, (U. P. I.): Mr. Eric Beecroft of the Loan Department of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and member of the International Bank Mission now on visit to India, is expected to arrive at Kanpur on February 4 from New Delhi.

His visit is believed to be in connection with the assessment of industrial expansion requirements of India and specially import of capital machinery from foreign countries for rehabilitation and rapid industrialisation.

## Saurashtra Market Quotation

(From Our Correspondent.)
RAJKOT, Feb. 3.

Rajkot Silver Maha 184-10-0, Rajkot Sugar Maha 93-0-0, Rajkot Sugar Chaitra 88-10-0, Rajkot Arandee May 133-9-0, Jamnagar Silver Fagan 82-7-0, Jamnagar Arandee May 133-8-0, Wadhwan Cotton Jeth 28-6-6, Wadhwan Sugar Vaishakh 15-12-6.

## *Latest Commercial*

**NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.**
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

| | |
|---|---|
| Previous Closing | 32.58 |
| Today's Opening | 32.55 |
| Difference | —3 |
| Today's Closing | 32.63 |
| Difference | +5 |

**LAST QUOTATIONS.**
BOMBAY, Feb. 3.

| | Rs. | As. |
|---|---|---|
| Silver Bullion Ready | 187 | 10 |
| Gold Ready | 118 | 0 |
| Sovereign | 75 | 0 |
| EXPECTATION: | | |
| Cotton Jarila May | 619 | 0 |

**NEW YORK STOCKS.**
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

Opening Prices:—
Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.
General Motors dol. 62-3/8.
United States Steel Common dol 75.
Preference unquoted.—(Reuter).

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

### Ruled Quietly Firm

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Reuter): Revival of interest in South African gold mining shares provided a feature in the markets today. Rumours were current that the union may sell part of its gold in the free markets of world. This brought in buyers and useful gains were recorded.

Prices of colliery shares were adjusted when compensation figures were published today. Many moved to higher levels but there were one or two downward adjustments.

Elsewhere in industrials there was small demand for breweries but textiles and tobaccos were idle and occasionally easier.

Long dated Giltedged stocks met renewed buying but activity in this section was smaller than of late. Short dateds showed fractional losses.

Oils were harder whose mentioned, Mexican Eagle moved up on renewed inquiry.

Brazilian rails were a firm market with Leopoldina issues recording sharp gains.

The foreign bond section was idle but some losses were to be seen among Europeans.

## Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent)
KARACHI, Feb. 3

Cotton Ready Sind NT 89 Punjab 289 F 96/8, Four F 82 New Crop NT Roller ready delivery 89 to 90 Sawgin 94 to 95 Market quiet but steady with moderate demand.

Yesterday's business totalled about 2979 bales, Arrivals from upcountry 9075 bales Exports 1800 bales out of which 850 bales for Bombay 700 bales for Tuticorin 250 bales for Cochin.

Cotton seed NT ready 8/4 Do New Crop 9/3/6 Desi 12/4 Rapeseed 155 Market easy owing to slow demand.

Yesterday's arrivals from upcountry 10663 Mds Exports totalled 2300 bags which were for Bhavnagar Porbunder Koteasar Lekhpat.

Gold Tejabi 108 Sovereigns 69/8 Silver coins 125 Market easy on accounts of poor demand.

Stock Exchange quotations unchanged.

## Calicut Market

(From Our Correspondent.)
CALICUT, Feb. 3.

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145, Quilandy 145/155, Fibre Garbled 95, Ungarbled 85, Cocoanuts Raw 176/180, Dry 140/160, Cocoanut Oil 575/580, Copra Office 395, Dilpasand 400, Madrasnottam 420, Pepper Wynaad 1125, Country 1100, Dry Ginger Chernad 485, Ernad 470, Coffee Robusta 145, Timber Pali 60/65, Junglewood 37/8/40, Vellapine 55/60, Benteak 35/40, Teak 80/120, Mango 3/3/8, Teak 10/17/8, Rosewood 10/20.

## Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)
HAPUR, Feb. 3.

Wheat 29 26, Gram 14/12, Barley 16/2, Bejhar 13/13, Maize 15/6, Bajra 16, Juwar 14/8, Guwar 11/8, Matar 12/10 Arhar 13/4, Urd 18/8, Moong 20/8, Masoor 15 to 16, Arhar Jeth 11/10, Matar Jeth 10/11, Gur New 10/12 to 11, Shakkar 12, Crystal 31/8, Khandsari 19 to 25. Fagun Future 10/15, Baishak 11/8/9. Quiet.

Sarson 24/8, Taraseed 21 to 19, Oil 65, Oilcake 7/12, Cottonseed 14/12, Groundnuts 17/8, Oats 10/8, Sarson Jeth 21/8/6. Quiet.

Bardana Ready Red 108, Chet 103, April 115/8. Steady.

Silver Forward 180/12, Gold 117/4.

## Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)
AHMEDABAD, Feb. 3.

Market experienced mixed sentiment. Textiles were easy on bearish interpretation of Dr. Mathai's announcement regarding dividend control during debate while Deferred was stationary.

Calico opened at 1222 but continuous pressure of selling upset the market which dropped to 1206 at close.

Arvind opened 1455 and dropped to 1446 at close Ambika was steady.

Closing quotations: Arvind 1446, Ambika 384, Calico 1205, Deferred 1619, Atul 43.

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|---|---|---|
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| 1947 | Rs. 65,57,000 | Rs. 57,30,000 |
| 1948 | Rs. 75,85,000 | Rs. 63,17,000 |

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# Future Of Foreign Possession s In India

## GOVT. WILL STAND BY JAIPUR DECLARATION

## Pt. Nehru Replies To Sarat Bose's Allegations

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

**The future of French possessions in India, Indo-Pakistan evacuee property agreement and refugee rehabilitation figured prominently in interpellations in Parliament today.**

**Replying to a question from Sir H. P. Mody whether India would approach Pakistan for the repatriation of some refugees, Pt. Nehru gave an emphatic "No."**

**The Premier gave a categorical reply to Sarat Bose's allegations against Indian High Commissioner's office in London and Indian Embassy in Paris.**

The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, and the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Balkrishna Keskar, replied to a number of questions on the future of French possessions in India in the Dominion Parliament today.

Dr. Keskar, replying to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, stated that municipal elections had already been held in four out of five French Settlements in India. It Mahe the fifth settlement, elections were to be held shortly.

Following these elections, in accordance with the French Government's declaration, arrangements were to be made in consultation with the newly elected municipal assemblies for the holding of a referendum to ascertain the wishes of the people.

The Government of India had seen reports to the effect that the French Administration in Mahe was harassing the people on flimsy grounds. There had been no recent conversations between the Governments of India and France on the question of a referendum and future elections.

### MERGER FAVOURED

Asked whether it was a fact that the people of French India had decided that the French Indian territories should merge in the adjoining provinces, Dr. Keskar said that a considerable number of the people in the French settlements were reported to be in favour of merger with the Indian Union.

It was also a fact that during the recent municipal elections two French cruisers had been summoned to the French ports but the Government of India had been informed that they were not in French ports now.

Recently, two members of the Municipal Assembly in Chandernagore had met officers of the External Affairs Department and talked informally about their ideas for the future. It was clearly understood that the Government of India could deal with the matter officially only through the French Government.

### NEHRU'S TALKS IN PARIS

Replying to Mr. Sidhwa, who drew attention to a statement by the French Foreign Minister that he had discussed with Pandit Nehru the question of French Settlements and reached satisfactory conclusions, Pandit Nehru said he had not seen the statement referred to. But it was a fact that while he was in Paris, he had discussed with the French Foreign Minister the question of French settlements in a general way. At that time, the municipal elections had not been held.

Pandit Nehru stated that he had urged that observers appointed by India should be allowed to be present during the municipal elections. The French Foreign Minister had stated that as far as he could see, there would be no objection to having observers, but that he would like to consult the French Cabinet. Later, he informed him that there would be difficulties in the way of appointing observers and that the French Government could not agree to it.

Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru asked whether the results of the elections recently held in the French Settlements were to be regarded as final or whether they could expect that the French Government would take fresh steps to see that elections were held in such a way as to give satisfaction to all parties concerned, including the Government of India.

Dr. Keskar stated that the Government of India in all their conversations with the French Government had stated that these elections by themselves would not be considered as deciding the matter one way or other.

The question, on the other hand, was the matter for further negotiations.

### INDIAN OBSERVERS

Mr. H. V. Kamath asked whether Indian observers would be present at the referendum.

Pandit Nehru said that so far as India was concerned they had made it clear that if there was to be a referendum there should be observers. There had been no repudiation or denial of this. In fact, it had been generally understood that there should be observers although there had been no clear statement to this effect.

Pandit Nehru amplifying this point stated that the whole position had changed because of new developments. The whole question or a referendum was now a matter to be considered afresh. "We are not evading a referendum at all, but we feel that it is time that the Government of France considered the whole question afresh", he said.

In a written reply to Prof. N. G. Ranga, the Prime Minister Pandit Nehru said, that the French Embassy promised to send the Government of India a report after they had received full accounts of the municipal elections. They had not done yet and had been urgently reminded.

### PLANS FOR ASSOCIATION

Asked if Government had taken notice of the resolution passed at the Jaipur Congress session on Foreign Possessions in India, the Prime Minister said that they were in full accord with the policy laid down therein. Pandit Nehru added: "Government are of opinion that geographical, political, economic and defence reasons would naturally lead to a political union with India of such areas in India, as are still under foreign control. Government are making every effort to bring about this change by peaceful methods and the friendly co-operation of the Governments concerned. Government also realise that during the long period of foreign control, administrative, cultural, educational and judicial systems have grown up in these areas, which are different from those prevailing in the rest of India, and any change-over must therefore take these factors into consideration and allow for a gradual adjustment with due regard to the wishes and way of life of the people of the areas concerned. The union of these areas with India need not involve any immediate merger in the neighbouring province or other unit of India. Arrangements are for the association of these settlements with the Indian Union will be in conformity with our declared policy and will be regulated according to the wishes of the people with whom there would be the fullest consultation."

Pandit Nehru said that the Jaipur Congress resolution had received a great deal of publicity in the press both in India and abroad. It had, therefore, not been thought necessary to invite the specific attention of the French and Portuguese Governments to this resolution.

### EVACUEE PROPERTY

Replying to a number of questions arising out of the Inter-Dominion agreement, between India and Pakistan, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar told Mr. R. K. Sidhwa that the question of exemption from arrest of people from India visiting Pakistan who might have evaded taxes had not as such been considered. He was aware that after the agreement was signed on January 15 the Pakistan Government had announced that no person would be allowed to leave Pakistan, unless he produced an exemption certificate or clearance certificate of payment of taxes. The Government of India were in correspondence with Pakistan on this matter.

Mr. Thirumal Rao asked whether Hindus wanting to go to Pakistan would have the same confidence that Muslims visiting India had. Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar said this was a matter of subjective feeling on the part of those who wanted to go to Pakistan.

Mr. Thirumalai Rao asked whether the question of exchanges of property had been left to the people concerned on either side to negotiate privately or whether the Government would have to do it.

Mr. Ayyangar stated that so far as urban properties were concerned, it had been agreed that private exchanges or sales would be allowed.

Replying to Mr. Anantasayanam Ayangar, the Minister stated that there were still a large number of problems outstanding between India and Pakistan, but he did not think it was necessary to have a standing committee to be associated with these problems.

Already there were standing committees of the various ministries which could be consulted by the ministers concerned if they wanted to do.

Referring to the ordinance relating to abducted women, which was issued three days ago, Prof. Ranga asked whether Government would consider the desirability of bringing forward a measure before the House, instead of resorting to ordinances even while the House was in session.

Mr. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar stated that the provisions of the ordinance would be effective only for a short while, but if the House wished it, he would bring forward such a measure before the House. He personally did not think it was necessary to do so.

Answering Mr. Kapur, the Minister stated that sales of properties would naturally be registered at the place where the property was situated.

Replying to Mr. Thyagi, he stated that the inter-dominion agreement seemed to have stemmed the flow of refugees to West Bengal. Some of the people who had migrated had also gone back.

### AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

Sardar Bhupender Singh asked when the Government proposed to reach an agreement with Pakistan as regards agricultural and on the lines of the agreement on Urban property.

The Minister stated that for the time being, they had to postpone the question, although he hoped to reach an agreement on this matter also.

### NO REPATRIATION OF REFUGEES

The Minister of State for Relief and Rthabilitation Mr. Mohanlal Sexena answered a number of questions regarding refugees and their rehabilitation. He said there were now approximately eight lakh refugees in various camps under the control of the central and provincial governments. It was estimated that about three million refugees, of whom roughly two millions were rural refugees, had so far been rehabilitated.

Replying to Mr. Bishwanath Das the Minister of State said that it was estimated that about 155 lakhs of refugees had migrated from West Pakistan. Refugees who had come away from East Pakistan were about eighteen lakhs, of whom 15 lakhs were in West Bengal and the rest had migrated to Assam and other parts of India.

**Sir Homi Mody asked that in view of the impossibility of satisfactorily rehabilitating all the people who had come away from Pakistan whether Government would approach the Dominion of Pakistan for the repatriation of some refugees.**

The Prime Minister Pandit Nehru intervening said "no".

Mr. Biswanathdas asked whether in view of the difficulty in resettling all the refugees with particular reference to those who had come away from East Pakistan, the Government of India had placed a suggestion made in this regard by the Deputy Prime Minister that if the exodus of refugees from East Pakistan did not stop and the refugees who had come away were not given facilities by Pakistan to return to their homes, then the Pacistan Government should find space for their resettlement.

Pandit Nehru said that certain suggestions were made, but they were not "proposals" as such which government had put forward, nor do Government consider it feasible to do so.

The Prime Minister further explained that so far as East Bengal was concerned, it was Government's policy to encourage refugees to go back. Government did not wish to force anybody to return but merely encouraged them, and the Government of India had been assured by the East Bengal Government that they would welcome the return of East Bengal refugees. He believed some people had gone back and more might return.

So far as West Pakistan was concerned Pandit Nehru pointed out that very large migrations had taken place and probably a larger number from India than those who had come from the other side.

**There was the possibility of some exchange of population, but it could not be in terms of a large number of people coming to India from West Pakistan as was the case some months ago. While the Government of India welcomed people coming here, the position was rather difficult, and there was no room. Millions and millions had been uprooted on either side. Both the Governments had to tackle their problems, and it was not as though there was empty land available.**

It must recognised, however, that so far as West Pakistan was concerned, any large scale movement of population was unlikely.

Replying to Pandit Kunzru Mr. Mohanlal Saxena said that the exodus from East Bengal had practically stopped. It was difficult to estimate the number of refugees who had gone back to East Pakitsan, but he believed it was about 5,000.

### INDIA'S CLAIMS AGAINST GERMANY

The Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy in a written reply to Lala Raj Kunwar said that the settlement of Indian claims against Germany and its nationals arising out of contracts and other obligations entered into before the last war would have to wait, till the conclusion or a Peace Treaty with Germany.

### RAMDAS DISASTER ECHO

Mr. Neogy informed the House that it was expected that all passenger steamers plying on the west coast would be fitted with wireless telegraphy before the next monsoon.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa asked a number of questions on the recommendations of the marine court of enquiry following the "Ramdas" disaster near Bombay harbour.

Mr. Neogy said that the two principal recommendations of the court and been accepted by the Government and implemented. Passenger steamers plying within the inland water limits of the Bombay Harbour to Rewas were previously required to comply with the requirements of the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917. The Government of India had now arranged that certificates granted to these ships under that act by the Government of Bombay were withdrawn, so as to require the ships to comply with the provisions of Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, as in the case of sea-going ships, thereby increasing the margin of safety. The Government of India had also withdrawn the exemption which they had previously granted to passenger steamers plying on the west coast of India in regard to wireless telegraphy requirements; these ships were now required to be fitted with wireless telegraphy installation, though the ship owners had been given some time to comply fully with these requirements.

### REPLY TO SARAT BOSE'S ALLEGATIONS

Replying to allegations against the Indian High Commissioner's Office in London and the Indian Embassy in Paris as contained in recent statements by Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose and others, Pandit Nehru said that he welcomed legitimate criticism but sweeping condemnation of public servants who were trying to adjust themselves to new responsibilities and with devotion to the country could only demoralise them and could be of no service to India.

Pandit Nehru in a written reply to a question by Mr. B. N. Munavalli said that as regards India House the charges were firstly, that there were between 150 and 175 Britishers on the High Commissioner's staff, among whom were persons who had left their jobs in India because they were not prepared to serve after August, 1947; secondly, that the real purchasing agent of the Government of India in England was a Britisher, who at the same time was the director of a company bearing an Indian name; and thirdly, that very little was being done for Indian students, especially in providing facilities for practical training in factories in England and the Continent.

"Each of these allegations is misleading or incorrect", Pandit Nehru said:

### INDIAN EMPLOYEES DOUBLED

The High Commissioner's staff consisted of more than 150 or 175 persons of British nationality, but none of them belonged to the category of officials who had left their jobs in India, because they were not prepared to serve after August 1947. They were employees of the Government of India, most of whom had been in permanent service for relatively long periods. "It was neither possible nor desirable to dismiss these personnel, merely on racial grounds, after the transfer of power in August 1947", Pandit Nehru said. The policy of the Government was to staff missions and embassies abroad with Indians. This was being done in London also. Since August, 1947, the number of Indians employed at India House had doubled.

There was no foundation for the charge that the Purchasing Agent of the Government of India in England was a person of British nationality, Pandit Nehru said. Purchases were made through the Director-General of Stores, who was an Indian. And according to prescribed procedure which normally required calling for tenders, Orders were placed with those who offered the most advantageous terms and every precaution was taken to safeguard Government's interests.

The names of three persons were mentioned in connection with this charge: Mr. Robert Cleminson, Mr. Potter and Mr. Ingham. Pandit Nehru said Mr. Cleminson had no business connection with India House. Mr. Ingham was a consulting engineer of high standing whose technical skill had been made use of from time to time in public interest. He also had no official connection with India House. Mr. Potter had supplied goods to India, but in conformity with the the prescribed practice.

### CARE OF INDIAN STUDENTS

The allegations regarding neglect of students were also unfounded, Pandit Nehru said. Both Government and private scholars received every possible assistance. Arrangements were made to meet students on arrival and to provide temporary or permanent accommodation according to needs. 1,500 students were helped in this way between August, 1947, and January, 1949. Out of 1,250 students who put in applications for admission to various institutions between October, 1947, and September, 1948, 810 had secured admission, 300 were rejected by institutions concerned for lack of qualifications and 140 were on the waiting list. Regarding applications for practical training, out of 292 applicants in 1948, 112 had been placed where they wished to be, 60 had been offered alternative places, 59 were on the waiting list and 57 were found unqualified. Pandit Nehru added: "Students are the object of the High Commissioner's special solicitude and he gives much of his time to their care and welfare."

The statement that our cypher organisation in Paris was in charge of a non-Indian was incorrect, Pandit Nehru said. The cypher assistant at this embassy was an Indian national. "The Indian Embassy in Paris", Pandit Nehru added, "has suffered from lack of staff as well as accommodation and could function more efficiently. We are trying to improve it. Having started only a little over a year ago, it has not been possible, especially, because of the lack of trained personnel, to attain in all our missions abroad a standard comparable to that of the longer established diplomatic services. But, as I have repeatedly stated, taking them as a whole, our diplomatic missions abroad are functioning well".

### SETALVAD SPOKE

Regarding the statement that the Indian Embassy in Paris did not participate in the discussion on Palestine in the U. N. General Assembly, Pandit Nehru said the Embassy had nothing to do with the work of the Assembly. The Indian Delegation was responsible for the work, and its members alone were entitled to speak on behalf of India in the Assembly or its committees.

Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose's statement that no Indian voice was heard during the discussions on Palestine was incorrect." The Indian Delegation did in fact take part in the prolonged debates on this important question in the Political and Security Committee of the General Assembly and Mr. M. C. Setalvad spoke on behalf of the Delegation on 1st December", Pandit added.

## Nehru To Speak On Kashmir Issue Shortly

NEW DELHI, February 3 (U. P. I.): Replying to question by Mr. R. K. Sidhwa regarding disbandment or withdrawal of the so-called Azad Kashmir Forces, Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister, stated: "My letter of the 20th August and the two 'Aides Memoire' alone set out the basis, on which the Government of India have accepted the resolution and the plebiscite proposals respectively of the U.N. Kashmir Commission and the Commission is aware of this fact."

"The Commission", Pandit Nehru added, "is expected in New Delhi within the next few days and I hope to make a further statement on the Kashmir question to the House after I have met the Commission."

### INDO-PAK TRADE

Mr. K. C. Neogy replying to Pandit Mukut Bihari Lal Bhargava stated that upto 25th January 1949 Pakistan exported 2,34,437 bales of cotton to India and imported 76,395 bales of cloth from India. Upto the end of December last India imported 20,500 tons of rice and 2,520 tons of seed wheat, and 30,24,250 bales of raw raw jute from Pakistan and exported 20,000 tons of sugar to Pakistan since February 1948.

The question of entering into a comprehensive trade agreement with Pakistan was discussed. The Government of India wanted to deal with the question of grant of rebates of excise duty on excisable articles, like tea, tobacco, etc., exported to Pakistan as part of a comprehensive arrangement on trade and fiscal matters. But Pakistan suggested that the question should be treated as a separate issue and not as dependent on the comprehensive arrangement with the result that no further progress could be made.

## BOMBAY "FORTUNATE TO HAVE STABLE AND EFFICIENT MINISTRY"

### Sir Maharaj Singh's Tribute To Premier Kher And His Colleagues

BOMBAY, Thursday.

His Excellency Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor, in an address to the Progressive Group this evening, expressed himself as being 'fortunate in having an extremely stable and efficient ministry with Mr. B. G. Kher as Premier" and said "It is partly owing to him that we have an united team of men, friendly with each other and friendly with me."

"I could desire no other team," His Excellency warmly added. "Mr. Kher is a man of great personal charm and it is a pleasure to deal with him."

In a predominantly witty speech Raja Maharaj Singh recounted the daily "happy" routine of his life as Governor of Bombay and put the keynote of that life as "a dislike of formalities" which he avoided. "Red carpets" had gone and he was glad they were gone. He had effected considerable economies in the Government House expenditure amounting to a saving of Rs. 5 lakhs annually. "I am a believer in economy and when your new Governor comes further economies will be made. But there is a limit to that in a city like Bombay which is the Gateway to the East and where there is a large diplomatic corps. There has to be a certain amount of, shall I say, dignity though I don't like that word," he said.

A Governor in 1948 or 49, His Excellency said, had not the same duties as his predecessors in 1945 or 46. He was now a constitutional head and acted on the advice of his Ministers in the same capacity as the head of democratic states like England. "That is but right and that power will not be changed substantially in the new constitution. For all practical purposes a Governor's responsibilities have been greatly lightened due to the fact that he is now acting on the advice of his ministers."

### APPOINTMENT, A SURPRISE

'When I was appointed Governor of Bombay nobody was more surprised than I was," His Excellency said amidst laughter. He would be sharing no secret with the audience if he told them that his appointment was offered to him on the telephone. After some discussions with his wife, who happened to be near him at the time the call came, and with his daughter he accepted the offer.

Later, when he went to Delhi before leaving for Bombay, one of the cabinet ministers—perhaps it was Mr. C. H. Bhabha—told him that he would be assured of a "long period of rest" (Laughter). "But though I have been extremely happy in Bombay I cannot truthfully say I have had a period of rest. On an average I am not having in the course of a month of thirty days more than three or four afternoons to myself."

One of the joys of being a Governor, Raja Maharaj Singh continued, was that he was never troubled by telephone calls. (Laughter). Businessmen and especially ladies who went out a great deal had to answer a number of telephone calls. But a Governor was never bothered by them. He had an efficient and hard-working staff to bear such burdens.

### SECRET OF HEALTH

His daily life, the Governor said, was composed of "several elements." He rose early, after having gone to bed by 10 p.m.—"I feel asleep immediately I go to bed"—and even before the Government House staff woke up, he had a stroll in the gardens. That perhaps, was the secret of his health.

Claiming to be democratic, he never refused an interview and recalled an occasion when a former Military Secretary entered his interview room with a revolver. "He thought I was afraid but I am not!" (Loud Cheers).

Various types of people came to see him and recently two mesmerists and a spiritualist sought his audience. Mesmerists and conjurers had a "special claim" on him, he being a ventriloquist himself. (Laughter). When a mere boy he had the art of mimicking his masters. Later in 1910 he happened to come across a book on ventriloquism in a second hand shop. After some experiments and practice he felt confident of success. When he was at the United Nations meeting his colleagues "gave him away" and he had to perform before a large gathering. Later a gentleman told him he would offer him ninety dollars per day if he could perform on the New York stage. "Some day perhaps, if his offer still holds good, I should succumb to it. Imagine Rs. 300 for a single evening!" (Laughter).

### STREAM OF VISITORS

A Governor's life imposed certain obligations on him. He had to meet a stream of visitors and pay frequent visits to many institutions. Another obligation was to make "endless" speeches and he often felt that so much of what one day was mere "repetition and superficial." Therefore he really felt guilty before a select audience like the Progressive Group.

Only one day he had devoted to shooting. (Laughter). He managed while on a tour of Karwar district to bag "a fine tiger". (Cheers). He hoped the Progressive Group would forgive him for that luxury.

Referring to the President's plea that organisations like the Progressive Group should get representation on Committees appointed by Government, the Governor said that in the emerging constitution the number of representatives in legislatures on behalf of professions, trades or castes would be smaller in number that at present. But in a large body like the Progressive Group there were experts who, he had no hesitation in saying, should always find a place on Committees.

Mr. S. K. Karanjia, President of the Group, said the province was fortunate in having Sir Maharaj Singh as its Governor and recalled the role he played as India's representative in South Africa and as a delegate to the United Nations.

## Indo-Argentine Diplomatic Exchanges

NEW DELHI, Feb. 3.

In order to promote and strengthen the friendly relations already existing between their two peoples, the Government of India and the Government of the Republic of Argentine have agreed to establish diplomatic relations at embassy level.

## CHIFLEY GETS CERTIFICATE NO. 1

CANBERRA, Feb. 3 (PTI-Reuter):—Mr. Joseph Chifley, Australian Prime Minister, was given Certificate No. 1 of Australian Citizenship at a ceremony here today. At the same ceremony, seven new Australian citizens—each born in a different country— renounced their old nationality and became naturalised Australians. The ceremony will be the mode for procedure when aliens become naturalised. The seven, all men, were Spaniard, Greek, Frenchman, Yugoslav, Norwegian, Dane and Czech.

The ceremony was a result of the Naturalisation and Citizenship Act which came into effect on January 26.

## Heaviest Snow Fall In Tehri Hills

MUSSOORIE, Feb. 3 (API): Snow and sleet are covering the Nagateeba and Chakrata hills including Deoband which incidentally have received the heaviest snow fall of the winter season until noon today. The Bunderpunch snow range is still covered with clouds and is not visible but reports reaching here state that most of the Tehri hills have received a heavy fall.

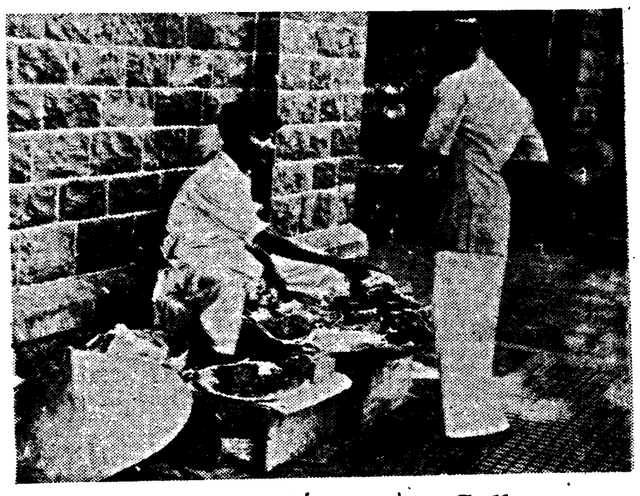
In Mussoorie, heavy rain and hail continued since midnight yesterday. The weather continues to be cloudy and extremely cold.

## MUTT AND JEFF—The Mule Language Is Hard To Understand Too

By BUD FISHER

WHERE'S YOUR MULE, JEFF?
OH, I SOLD HIM YESTER-
SAY, WHAT KIND OF A MULE DID YOU SELL ME? HE ABSOLUTELY WON'T MOVE!
I WHIPPED AND SPANKED HIM! I PULLED HIM! I TALKED TO HIM AND I PLEADED WITH HIM-- BUT HE WON'T GO!
I GOT DOWN ON MY BENDED KNEES AND BEGGED HIM WHY WON'T HE GO?
HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING! HE'S JUST A JACKASS!
BOOK SHOP
ALL KIND OF BOOKS ON SALE
TEACHING MULES

## BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS



### 27. The Sweetmeat-Seller

**There is a story of a ready-witted waiter who, when a customer drew his attention to a fly that was in his tea, blandly remarked, "Oh, yes, that is free of charge". Here is the sweetmeat-seller exhibiting his wares openly and here too are the flies that are inspecting them. If ever a warning were needed against roadside buying of foodstuffs, here it is. And yet he has his clients—and we are not talking of the flies.**

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